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Police: Lock up your vehicle

Sheriff says vehicle break-ins aren't slowing down

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey and area police chiefs are frustrated by the number of car break-ins happening and Bailey has a message for county residents: Lock your car.

"We're trying to get the message out and so are all the other police chiefs. Lock your car and take your belongings inside," Bailey said.

In a report to the Berrien County Board of Commissioners' Administration Committee late last week, Bailey said despite all the recent efforts to make the public aware, people in some neighborhoods throughout the county still are not locking their cars.

He said in some cases, the same neighborhoods are being hit over and over, and in one case it was the same car twice. He said police suspect groups of drug addicts are involved in these thefts, and word gets out among them regarding which neighborhoods have unlocked cars. He said the thieves will park a car nearby, then walk from house to house, stealing as much as they can carry from unlocked vehicles back to the get-away car.

There have also been cases of unlocked cars being stolen because the keys were left inside.

"They're not breaking windows, and they're not breaking into houses. There's just too many vehicles being left unlocked with valuables inside. The drug addicts are stealing money, purses, wallets, computers, even guns from these unlocked cars," Bailey said. "They're just encouraging people. The word keeps getting out that there's a lot of cars unlocked."

The sheriff said it's happening all over the county, especially in subdivisions and neighborhoods where there are a lot of houses close together.

The Van Buren County Sheriff's Office recently reported that five unlocked vehicles were entered in one weekend in and around the Bloomingdale area. Police in Van Buren County are also asking residents to lock their vehicles and take valuables inside.

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Judge Mabel Mayfield has been selected as the new chief judge for Berrien County Trial Court.

Make way for Mayfield

Mabel Mayfield is Berrien County Trial Court's new chief judge

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MABEL MAYFIELD

As the new chief judge for Berrien County Trial Court, Mabel Johnson Mayfield said she wants to continue the work done by former Chief Judge Gary Bruce, who did not seek re-appointment to the position.

The Michigan Supreme Court appointed Mayfield, who was appointed to the Berrien County Probate Bench in January 2000 and has been subsequently elected to that position. She serves in the Family Division of the Berrien County Trial Court and has lived in Berrien County for more than 40 years.

Prior to becoming a judge, Mayfield served seven years as a Juvenile Court attorney referee and worked 10 years at Berrien County Legal Services.

She is active in her church, Unity Bible Baptist, and has served in a number of volunteer capacities for various organizations including the Twin Cities Literacy Council, Purdue Club of Southwest Michigan, the Readiness Center, Region IV Area Agency on Aging, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Berrien Community Foundation.

She serves on the Michigan Supreme Court Justice for All Task Force and is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Michigan Probate Judges Association, the Southwest Michigan Probate Judges Association, and the Benton Harbor/St. Joseph Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., a public service organization.

Mayfield took time out of her busy schedule to sit down in her chambers for a conversation with Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Julie Swidwa.

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Father mourns missing daughter swept off Holland pier

Friends admired her carefree spirit; others worried about the risks she took

By FRANCIS X. DONNELLY
The Detroit News

HOLLAND — Walking on a concrete pier at night, two teens ventured deeper toward a turbulent Lake Michigan.

With water thrashing on both sides, Eliza Trainer and Kade Goodrich wanted to take photos of the waves crashing into the Holland shore, said her father, Scott Trainer. Glinting in a harbor light, the droplets looked like diamonds falling from the sky, he said.

Kade took some pictures and turned for a different view when, suddenly, he and Eliza were underwater after being swamped by a wave, he later told Scott.

The shock of cold cramped Kade's body and he struck his head against something hard. He shed his coat and clambered onto a rock. He said he tried to pull Eliza up with him, but a wave ripped her away.

Thirteen days later, she is still missing.

Eliza left the world the same way she inhabited it – as a free spirit, Scott Trainer said in the first interview about his daughter's death.

"She did stuff that others were afraid to do," he said. "She didn't want to be a sheep. She wanted to be an individual."

Interviews with Trainer and others shed additional light on Eliza, her relationship with Kade, why they traveled across the state and what happened on the pier.

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Photo courtesy of The Holland Sentinel

Emergency personnel have been searching Lake Michigan off Holland State Park since Jan. 1 for the body of Eliza Trainer. Meanwhile, friends and family are left to mourn her loss.

Coach says Benton Harbor cheerleaders were attacked

Incident took place on way to bus after game in Battle Creek

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — A longstanding high school rivalry turned ugly when fans from Battle Creek Central allegedly attacked Benton Harbor High School cheerleaders as they tried to get on their bus after last Tuesday's boys basketball game in Battle Creek.

That's what Benton Harbor's head cheerleading coach Ronnella Booker said Saturday during the 2020 Meeting of the Minds and Day of Action meeting, sponsored by the city's Racial Equality Committee.

"As we proceeded to the bus and we stepped outside the school, we were hit with trash...grown men attacked us," said Booker, a 1999 Benton Harbor High School graduate who is a paid coach and works full time with Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman.

After the meeting, she said she was trying to hurry the cheerleaders to the bus, but they had to keep turning around to defend themselves because Battle Creek fans were throwing drink bottles at their heads and were grabbing their necklaces and earrings.

She said many of the cheerleaders didn't go to school the next day because they were sore from defending themselves.

"That's assault," Booker said.

Booker said she's speaking up because she wants to make sure the situation is resolved and never happens again.

Benton Harbor school board Secretary Patricia Rush, who was at Saturday's meeting, said she was horrified to hear that the high school's cheerleaders were treated so poorly.

"This is intolerable," she said. "We have to find out what happened. ... I can assure you, we'll get to the bottom of this and make sure it never happens again."

Rush and Trustee Matthew Bradley, who was also at the meeting, talked with Booker at length about what happened.

When contacted by phone, Interim Superintendent Patricia Robinson said

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In brief

Michigan may add non-binary option to driver's licenses

LANSING (AP) — Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's office is working to add a third gender option on Michigan licenses.

The possibility to add a non-binary option might be complete by 2021, according to The Detroit News. Michigan would become the 14th state to make such a change.

"At this exploratory stage we have not yet finished the analysis of whether or not legislative approval would be needed to include a non-binary option," said spokesman Jake Rollow.

It is not yet clear how the designation would appear on Michigan licenses.

Washington, D.C., and New York City have adopted similar options, which largely allows drivers to select an "X" instead of "M" or "F" to indicate their gender.

Benson had previously attempted for a third gender designation, but the department's driver's license database software prevented her from doing so. So instead she announced a new policy making it easier for people to change their gender designation from male to female or female to male on state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards.

The old policy required Michigan residents to provide a birth certificate, passport or court order to change the designation. Benson's change allows individuals to change their designation by filling out a form, visiting an office to have their photo taken and paying the $9 correction fee for a driver's license or $10 fee for a state ID.

Equality Michigan, an anti-violence and political advocacy organization serving Michigan's LGBTQ community, applauds Benson's efforts.

"Some transgender individuals don't carry IDs or face trouble when they do because their designation doesn't match the way they present," said Erin Knott, executive director of Equality Michigan.

Clinics awarded grants to help uninsured, underinsured

DETROIT (AP) — Nearly four dozen clinics will share $860,500 through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's Strengthening the Safety Net program.

The funding will help the clinics provide free or low-cost medical, dental and mental health care services to uninsured and underinsured Michigan residents, according to Blue Cross.

The funding also pays for substance use disorder treatment.

Grants of up to $25,000 each were awarded to 17 clinics. Another 30 clinics were awarded up to $15,000 each. Recipients expect to provide care to more than 60,000 people this year. More than 50,000 people received services through the program last year.

Lotteries

Sunday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
KS-3D-5D-5S-9S
Midday Daily 3
2-2-3
Midday Daily 4
0-5-5-9
Daily 3
1-2-4
Daily 4
7-2-8-9
Fantasy 5
17-23-26-31-37
Keno
04-06-10-15-17-24-28-34-39-40-46-47-50-51-52-58-61-64-68-72-73-76
Mega Millions jackpot
$91 million
Powerball jackpot
$296 million

Saturday drawings

Michigan
Powerball
03-21-23-31-59, Powerball: 3, Power Play: 2
Indiana
Cash 5
07-08-13-18-44
Cash4Life
17-20-23-46-57, Cash Ball: 1
Lotto Plus
07-11-14-31-38-44
Quick Draw Midday
06-10-13-17-23-27-29-32-34-38-50-51-53-54-59-60-68-71-75-79, BE: 71
Daily Three-Midday
3-7-7, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
3-5-6, SB: 0
Daily Four-Midday
5-1-0-2, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
3-9-3-8, SB:
Quick Draw Evening
09-11-16-18-20-21-24-28-30-33-36-39-45-49-52-57-66-69-70-77, BE: 45
Hoosier Lotto
27-28-34-35-42-46
Illinois
Lotto
02-16-18-23-31-51, Extra Shot: 1
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
08-11-26-28-39
Pick Three-Midday
1-6-6, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
1-6-9, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
5-5-7-2, Fireball: 0
Pick Four-Evening
9-9-8-6, Fireball: 1
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Detroit museum workers spend 100-plus hours moving painting

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Detroit Institute of Arts Project Conservator Becca Goodman prepares the painting Das Geviert, 1997, by Anselm Kiefer to be removed from the wall where it has been since 2004, for an upcoming exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts in Detroit on Jan. 3.

DETROIT (AP) — Conservators at the Detroit Institute of Arts have spent dozens of hours preparing to move an enormous three-dimensional painting into storage to create space for a new display.

Anselm Kiefer's "Das Geviert," which was completed in 1997, is so deeply textured that conservators set aside more than 100 hours to ensure it can be safely moved and stored, The Detroit News reported.

The 24-foot-by-9-foot artwork was installed in the institute in 2004. It's being moved to make room for the car design exhibit "Detroit Style: Car Design in the Motor City, 1950-2020," which is slated to open June 13.

"Das Geviert" was inspired by an ancient brick wall the German artist saw in India. Kiefer used acrylic paint, shellac, burnt clay, regular clay, charcoal, wire, straw, sand and other elements to form a complex texture.

The conservation work is essential to ensure the wall-sized painting is stable enough for an art handler to move it, said Becca Goodman, painting conservator at the Detroit Art Institute.

"First, we dust it because dust can cause cracking if it remains on the surface," Goodman said. "And now we're adding an archival grade adhesive in certain places with a syringe and brush to keep the materials together."

Goodman and Blair Bailey, a conservation fellow, spent two full days dusting the painting.

Goodman said Kiefer was apparently OK with the idea that the artwork could evolve in transit, telling the museum during installation: "If something falls off, it's off. If it's loose, glue it on."

All 13 contemporary galleries will be cleared out by the end of next month, which is when the installation of the car design exhibit is set to begin.

Most of the contents of those galleries will be stored. The contemporary African American galleries will remain in place and a limited number of the collection's greatest contemporary hits will be exhibited elsewhere,.

"It's always a challenge to have visitors' favorite artworks off view," museum Director Salvador Salort-Pons said. "Several contemporary works that are important for our guided field trips will continue to be on display in other locations."

Trainer

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Eliza was an only child who was drawn to the large Goodrich family, relatives said. She met them after befriending Kade's younger sister.

The devout Goodriches, who have five children, practically adopted Eliza, taking her on vacations, fishing trips, boating excursions.

She became close with the entire clan, said Kade's father, Derek Goodrich. Kade was like an older brother to her.

"Her smile just radiated our home," Derek said. "She was a blessing to us."

Kade, 19, had a fledgling interest in photography and traveled around the state taking pictures of Eliza, 16, Scott Trainer said.

One week before the Jan. 1 trip to Holland, Eliza posed for a photo at a pier on Lake Huron. It was the last photo she posted on her Instagram page.

"Here's to another year of chances," she wrote.

In Holland, they wanted to see Big Red, one of the most popular lighthouses in the state, relatives said. The twin-gabled, three-story structure dates back to 1907.

Just before leaving her car to walk the Holland pier, Eliza was texted by her dad, telling her to be safe, Scott said.

Earlier that night, before leaving Flint for Holland, Eliza talked with a friend, Morgan League, on the phone, League said.

The two just talked about random things, whatever popped into their heads, she said. But League ended the call with an ominous warning.

"I told her, 'Be safe, Eliza, don't be stupid," League said.

Pier of tranquility, turbulence

Standing at the end of the Holland pier can make you feel like you're in the middle of Lake Michigan.

On placid days, it's a sea of tranquility. On others, a tempest.

It started the new year in a rage.

Stirred up by strong winds, 12-foot waves lashed at the shore as Eliza and Kade walked the north end of the pier around 11:30 p.m. New Year's Day, law enforcement officials said. It was cold and windy just before midnight.

The onslaught was bolstered by a year's worth of excessive rain and snow that left the lake bloated. The jetty was just a few feet above the water level.

The spindly jetty offered little protection to the teens. It was just a series of concrete slabs.

"The waves are breaking over the pier," said Sgt. Jay Douglas of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office. "Being out there at night, it's a very dangerous situation."

After being swept into the 36-degree water, the two teens clutched each other for five minutes, Kade told his family. But the waves were too strong for him to maintain his grasp.

After getting out of the water, he ran for help and, finding a man in a car and used his cellphone to call the police.

Kade is battered physically and mentally from the ordeal, said Jeff Haddon, a young adult pastor at the Goodrich's church, Trinity Assembly of God in Mount Morris.

Haddon, who has spoken with Kade, said he has a long road to recovery.

"This young man is heroic," he said. "A lesser man wouldn't have done some of the things he did to try to save his friend."

Kade's relatives said he wasn't prepared to discuss the tragedy.

A carefree spirit

Some teens are crippled by peer pressure, but Eliza didn't seem to care what other people thought of her.

She behaved, spoke and dressed however she pleased, friends said. A typical outfit might include a trucker cap, bulky sweatshirt and cowboy boots.

She was blunt with a caustic wit, said friends. Her candor even spread to adults, including teachers.

The class cutup would sometimes get into trouble, like the time she brought a stuffed rat to school and used a leash to drag it through the hallways. School officials weren't pleased.

"She wasn't your ordinary girly girl," said one of Eliza's teachers, Kathy McGowan, who taught applied physics. "She was a natural leader. She didn't follow how everyone acted."

Nights at the Trainer home were the stuff of legend, friends said.

They were sleepovers that involved no sleep whatsoever. Instead, Eliza and her buddies would cavort in the pool or on the trampoline or ride dirt bikes along trails in the spacious backyard.

Her dad, a single parent, would happily preside over the mayhem, frequently whipping up fried chicken.

"The things that went on in her house were unimaginable," said a friend, Alayna Traver. "She had this happy, chaotic energy wherever she went."

Eliza had lost her mom when she was 11. Sandy Trainer had a rare form of ovarian cancer that had ravaged her body for three years.

The death sent the youngster into a tailspin, Scott said. Normally outgoing, she became reclusive, closed off from everyone, including her dad.

She eventually found her bearings and slowly began to socialize with people again.

"It was a dark time for her," Scott said. "It changed her for a bit. It took a while to get out of it."

Search for Eliza

Law enforcement agencies have been searching for Eliza with ATVs on the beach, patrol boats in the water and a helicopter in the sky.

The professionals have been joined by amateurs, including relatives of the Trainers and Goodriches.

At 80, Shirley Trainer is normally homebound. But Eliza is her granddaughter and so, last Sunday, Shirley put on a coat and her family drove her from Waterford to Holland.

She was heartened to see a battalion of volunteers looking for a person they had never met. There were parents and their children, she said. Some searchers were on surfboards. One was parasailing.

It was cold and windy, but the lookers kept looking.

And then there were Eliza's friends from the Flint area, Shirley said. They kept coming – 60 strong – throughout the day to pay their respects.

"It was constant, just constant," she said about the steady procession of friends showing up. "It was totally amazing."

During the nine days of searching, Lake Michigan sometimes turned calm, almost mocking what had transpired Jan. 1.

But invariably the lake that thinks it's a sea began to churn again, making a water search difficult. It has remained roiling most of the nine days.

Among the searchers is another grandmother from the other side of the state, Linda Woods. Kade is her grandson and Eliza was like a granddaughter, Woods said.

She and family members have used binoculars to see if they can spot something, anything that would lead to Eliza's location.

Woods has walked the shore every day since the incident. She said she won't leave until the teen is found.

"Eliza was a good person," Woods said. "Like any teenager, she wanted to be doing something all the time."

Meanwhile, Eliza's family and friends are trying to raise $25,000 for her funeral expenses. They had raised nearly $15,000 as of Friday.

Standing vigil

As searchers scoured Lake Michigan last Saturday, a vigil was held at Trinity Assembly of God.

About 50 people listened as Eliza's friends and family shared memories about her.

The pulpit was still decorated with two Christmas trees and poinsettias. Projected on a wall was a photo of Eliza standing at the end of a dock with a small lake behind her.

An emotional Derek Goodrich said he would miss how Eliza would chide him on how he needed to be a better dad and husband.

He said he liked her spunk and fierce defiance. He said they had that in common.

"She did not live according to how today's society would want to dictate how you live," Derek said.

Morgan League laughed when she told the gatherers how easily trouble found her friend.

"Eliza: When you think of that name, you think, oh, gosh, what has she gotten into now?" League said.

Scott Trainer attended the vigil but didn't speak. He said he just wanted to hear what people had to say about his daughter.

Despite being the grieving father, he lent support to others, encouraging them to say a few words and embracing a sobbing Derek Goodrich.

Another speaker was Scott's niece, Katy Turcotte.

She said she didn't know how to help her 11-year-old son understand the death when she didn't understand it herself.

"No one's story should end at 16," Turcotte said.

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Time Capsule

The June 1963 photo of passengers boarding a Twin Cities Coach Lines bus at what was known as "four corners" in Benton Harbor, shows one of the line's final runs. That evening was the end of the line for the Twin Cities Motor Coach Lines. This was one of the last three coaches of a once busy fleet of a dozen. Gasoline rationing and scarcity of autos during World War II pushed bus service to new highs, and in 1946 buses passed between St. Joseph and Benton Harbor 233 times a day – one every 10 minutes in each direction. When cars began to stream from production lines after the war, buses held on but use dropped steadily through a vicious cycle of less passengers, cuts in service, fare hikes and less passengers. Two months after the Coach Lines rolled to a stop, Joseph Mammina gained approval to begin Twin Cities Motor Transit and extended bus service from the Twin Cities to Sodus, Eau Claire, Berrien Center and Berrien Springs with compact buses and Volkswagen Vanagons, which required less insurance liability coverage than the larger buses.

Time Capsule, which runs every Monday, takes a look back through the HP photo archives. If you would like to share a nostalgic comment about this photo, please join the discussion on our Facebook page: facebook.com/HeraldPalladium.

'We're here to make a difference'

Meeting of the Minds attendees brainstorm over racial equity

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — It's time to move from talking about racial equity to doing something about it, the organizers of the 2020 Meeting of the Minds and Day of Action said during the Saturday event at Sinbads Imaginasium in Benton Township.

"We're here to make a difference," said Gwen Swanigan, a member of the City of Benton Harbor Racial Equity Committee, which helped sponsor the event. " ... It's time for us to come together for our community, for our youth, to get some things done."

After listening to several speakers, the audience of more than 100 people were divided into several groups to brainstorm how the City of Benton Harbor and Benton Harbor Area Schools can move forward.

One of the speakers was Kyna King, family programs supervisor with the Berrien County Health Department.

"When I started (working for the health department), I was unaware that our black and brown babies were dying (at a rate) three times higher than any other nationality," she said.

King said when she started looking into what was causing this, she found that the mothers of these babies were not receiving adequate medical services and often live in substandard housing.

Studies have found the gap in health care outcomes is only partially explained by socioeconomic status and lack of access to adequate health care.

For example, David Williams, a Harvard University researcher who spoke in St. Joseph in 2018, said blacks with college degrees have lower life expectancies than white citizens with only high school diplomas.

Elnora Gavin, consultant with the racial equity committee, said after Saturday's meeting that for decades, America has been structured in a way that leaves African Americans at the bottom.

"It's been systematically organized that way," she said. "In order to change that, we have to systematically organize ourselves to get out of it."

She said the GI Bill is one example of historic structural racism.

The GI Bill helped veterans after World War II receive low-cost mortgages to buy homes, low-interest loans to start businesses and a college education. But many black veterans were not able to access the benefits, which limited their ability to acquire wealth that they could pass on to their children.

A video at Saturday's meeting outlined the Fresh Start Plan, which is about more than forgiving the Benton Harbor school district's debt.

It talked about the hiring of racial equity consultants and the creation of racial equity renaissance zones.

After the meeting, Gavin said companies could hire racial equity consultants to create racial equity improvement plans.

"What would be ideal is if organizations would do it willingly, just like many organizations saw a need for diversity and inclusion programs," she said. " ... Right now, it's about finding out who wants to do it because it's the right thing to do and working with them."

She said a big part of the Fresh Start Plan is getting the youth involved because they are the future.

More information can be found on the Facebook pages of the City of Benton Harbor Racial Equity Committee and Peace4lifebh.

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Louise Wrege / HP staff

Benton Harbor City Commissioner Jerry Edwards speaks Saturday during the 2020 Meeting of the Minds and Day of Action at Sinbads Imaginasium in Benton Township. Listening is Gwen Swanigan, a member of the Benton Harbor Racial Equity Committee, which helped sponsor the event.

Grant applications available from Heart of Cook

By HP STAFF

BRIDGMAN — Grant applications are again available for "The Heart of Cook" Foundation Fund, according to a news release.

"The Heart of Cook" is a grant program funded by Indiana Michigan Power's Cook Nuclear Plant and administered by the Berrien Community Foundation to assist nonprofit programs in Southwest Michigan and Northwest Indiana.

Educational projects, human services programs that support families, and environmental protection and preservation projects are the focus areas for this grant program. The grant review committee, comprised of Cook Nuclear Plant employees, gives special consideration to projects that involve I&M employees. Organizations must have 501(c)(3) tax exempt or equivalent status to qualify for funding.

> **Every year we look forward to providing this funding opportunity to the non-profits in our community. The Heart of Cook Foundation is one way that we can say thank you and support the non-profit organizations that serve our community so tirelessly throughout the year.**
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> **JOEL GEBBIE**
> Senior vice president and chief nuclear officer

"Every year we look forward to providing this funding opportunity to the non-profits in our community," said Joel Gebbie, senior vice president and chief nuclear officer, in the release. "The Heart of Cook Foundation is one way that we can say thank you and support the non-profit organizations that serve our community so tirelessly throughout the year."

Added Bill Downey, Cook's employee advisory committee chairman: "In 2019, the Heart of Cook provided more than $65,000 in funding to 38 non-profit programs and special projects in educational and community-based agencies. ...We love that we can partner with the community in this way and we're looking forward this year to helping more organizations do the incredible things they do."

Grant applications and guidelines may be obtained by visiting the Berrien Community Foundation's web site at www.berriencommunity.org/HOC. All applications must be submitted electronically through the Berrien Community Foundation's website. The grant application due date is Feb. 10, with awards to be announced in May. Agencies that have received funding for three consecutive years will not be eligible to apply during this grant cycle. If you have questions about applying, contact Susan Matheny at susanmatheny@berriencommunity.org.

Legislative roll call

The 100th Michigan Legislature began its 2020 session on the second Wednesday in January, as specified in the state Constitution, with a few votes on bills of general interest.

Senate Bill 434, Authorize cosmetology "mobile salons": Passed 102 to 5 in the House

To direct the state licensing bureau to produce regulations on "mobile salons" and mobile cosmetology equipment used by different salons. Under current law cosmetology services and salons are subject to an extensive array of state regulatory and licensure requirements. The bill would also authorize reciprocity for individuals with cosmetology licenses from other states where the requirements are "substantially equal," and also revise details of other regulations on cosmetologists, salons and cosmetology schools.

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66 Rep. Beth Griffin	R - Mattawan	Y
78 Rep. Brad Paquette	R - Niles	Y
79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R - Bainbridge Township	Y
80 Rep. Mary Whiteford	R - Casco Township	Y

Senate Bill 309, Impose $50 tax on some tow trucks: Passed 105 to 2 in the House

To impose a $50 annual "motor carrier" fee on tow trucks and wreckers used in "nonconsensual towing operations" within the state (usually this means removing illegally parked cars).

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66 Rep. Beth Griffin	R - Mattawan	Y
78 Rep. Brad Paquette	R - Niles	Y
79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R - Bainbridge Township	Y
80 Rep. Mary Whiteford	R - Casco Township	Y

Senate Bill 184, Revise athletic trainer licensure detail: Passed 105 to 2 in the House

To eliminate a specified amount of continuing education classes that athletic trainers must take to maintain a newly required license mandated by the state (the equivalent of 25 hours per year), and instead leave the details of required additional courses to the discretion of government licensing officials. Also, to revise a criminal background check requirement imposed on "behavior analysis technicians" in a manner that emphasizes barring an individual with specific past offenses from practicing this profession.

59 Rep. Aaron Miller	R - Sturgis	Y
66 Rep. Beth Griffin	R - Mattawan	Y
78 Rep. Brad Paquette	R - Niles	Y
79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R - Bainbridge Township	Y
80 Rep. Mary Whiteford	R - Casco Township	Y

House Bill 5008, Don't facilitate jail-breaks: Passed 71 to 36 in the House

To establish that prison and jail officials are not required to post diagrams of exit routes in areas of prisons where prisoners have access, notwithstanding other laws (like fire codes) that may require this.

59 Rep. Aaron Miller	R - Sturgis	Y
66 Rep. Beth Griffin	R - Mattawan	Y
78 Rep. Brad Paquette	R - Niles	Y
79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R - Bainbridge Township	Y
80 Rep. Mary Whiteford	R - Casco Township	Y

House Bill 4051, Require state create mental health hotline: Passed 32 to 3 in the Senate

To require the state to enter a contract with a third party entity to provide a mental health "hotline" where individuals could get information on social services related to mental illness. Fiscal agency projections indicate this would cost $1 million to $2.5 million annually.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata	R - Bainbridge Township	Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R - Lawton	Y

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Writing challenge art judges announced

The sponsors of the Southwest Michigan Teen Creative Writing Challenge have announced the judges for this year's Cover Art competition.

Entries submitted by artists in grades 7-12 will judged by David Baker, Mary Brodbeck and Jeff Matejovsky.

Baker is a well-known artist and educator in Southwest Michigan. For many years, he taught painting, drawing, design, watercolor, color theory and art appreciation at Southwestern Michigan College. He has mounted more than three dozen exhibitions, has had his work included in local and regional exhibitions, and has won numerous awards.

Brodbeck, of Kalamazoo, specializes in woodblock printmaking, a technique she studied while in Tokyo with Yoshisuke Funasaka. Her landscape prints have been added to the collections at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park, Muskegon Museum of Art, Hunterdon Museum of Art, Kalamazoo Institute of Art, and others.

Matejovsky, of Niles, has worked as an artist for many years, and studied design and graphic arts at SMC.

The Cover Art competition is one division of the 2020 Southwest Michigan Teen Creative Writing Challenge. Students also can submit entries in Comics, Fiction, Flash Fiction and Poetry through Jan. 31.

The winning Cover Art entry will grace the cover of this year's professionally published book, which will include the winning entries in each category.

The challenge is sponsored by Cass District Library, Dowagiac District Library, Lawton Public Library, Marcellus Township Wood Memorial Library, Paw Paw District Library and Van Buren District Library.

For more information, contact any sponsoring library of email TCWC@vbdl.org.

UFCU staff 'Pay It Forward' in 2019

ST. JOSEPH — United Federal Credit Union donated more than $12,000 to a variety of charitable organizations in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio during the 2019 Pay It Forward initiative.

All together, UFCU's program donated more than $16,400 to 56 different families, individuals and community organizations across the six states where branches are located.

As part of the program, UFCU gives $15 to every employee to give to a needy person, family or organization of their choice. Many times, departments and branches combine funds to create a more substantial donation, according to a news release.

Employees in Southwest Michigan, Marion, Ohio, and Northern Indiana raised money for, among others, Christmas Care in Berrien Springs, Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan, Fresh Food Initiative, Support the Troops, Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan, Emergency Shelter Services in Benton Harbor, Niles Food Pantry, Santa for Seniors, Paws & Stripes, Blue Star Mothers, Protected Paws Project, Hand 2 Hand, Cora Lamping Center, Hannah's House, Toys for Tots, Ronald McDonald House of Michiana, and 21 families struggling with medical bills, loss from a house fire, and other life-changing situations.

The program began in 2008 with a request from employees that UFCU use the money otherwise spent on internal holiday celebrations to help people in the community.

President and CEO Terry O'Rourke said the Pay It Forward program is highly anticipated and regarded by employees and the members the credit union serves.

"What really makes our Pay It Forward program special is that our employees step up every year and go above and beyond," O'Rourke said in the release. "The team at United is always looking for ways to make someone's day a little brighter, and while Pay It Forward takes place during the holiday season, United employees give back and volunteer year-round. We believe that even small acts of kindness can lead to a big impact for individuals and our communities."

Krasl announces classes, camps, workshops

ST. JOSEPH — The Krasl Art Center has announced its winter class and workshop schedule.

Classes start Jan. 27, with youth spring break workshops scheduled for April 6, 8 and 9.

Classes are open to members and nonmembers of all ages and skill levels. Students must register 10 days before a class begins.

A full list of programs is available online at krasl.org; in KAC's newsletter, the Art Update; and at the Krasl, 707 Lake Blvd.

After-school youth classes for ages 5-12 are available in ceramics, mixed media (including drawing and painting) and sculpture. The classes are taught by local artists.

Classes for adults/teens (ages 13 and older) include art exploration, introduction to painting (including oil, acrylic and watercolor), beginning and advanced ceramics courses, and color theory.

Intermediate and advanced students may apply to work independently in the clay artist guild.

If a full course is outside of a participant's schedule, all new and returning students are invited to register for visiting artist workshops, including Make Your Own Bamboo Paint Brushes (Feb. 22), How to Stretch Your Own Canvas (April 9, 16, 23) and Color & Pose (April 11).

The Krasl offers free art activities for families at Benton Harbor Public Library from 5-6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, and at KAC from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month.

Photo provided

Winter classes at the Krasl Art Center include an adult/teen session of Color Theory from Jan. 29 to March 18.

Adults and children work together on activities, and enjoy light snacks.

Build Your Way Around Town, the monthlong Lego festival dedicated to young builders, runs from Feb. 28-March 25.

KAC will host four workshops on March 21, including Lego Skyscraper Building and Lego Stop-Motion Animation. Workshops are free and open to the public, but advanced registration is required as seating is limited.

Spring break camps will run from 9 a.m.-noon April 6, 8 and 9. They will include Nature Prints, Nature Collage Self Portraits, Action Painting, and a Mural Painting Crash Course. Registration is open until March 28.

For more information about classes, workshops and free events at KAC, visit krasl.org or call 983-0271.

Register with complete payment online, by phone, by mail or in person at the Krasl. Scholarships are available for families with financial need.

IN BRIEF

Free tax help available at SJ senior center

ST. JOSEPH — Beginning Jan. 20, those 60 and older can call the St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center, 3271 Lincoln Ave., to make an appointment to have their taxes done.

Time slots will begin on Feb. 4.

Those seeking help should find all of their pertinent paperwork before scheduling an appointment.

AARP tax volunteers will help residents file simple federal and state income tax returns. Complex tax returns must be completed by a tax service.

Appointments fill quickly, so those interested are encouraged to call early.

To make an appointment, call 429-7768.

Taylor Huie named Pratt Research Fellow

HUIE

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph High School graduate Taylor Huie was one of 20 students recently awarded a Pratt Research Fellowship at Duke University.

The Pratt Research Fellows program is for Duke engineering students interested in research. Selected students commit to three semesters and one summer of research in a professor's lab at the university's Pratt School of Engineering.

Huie will work under the supervision of biomedical engineering professor Brenton D. Hoffman on "Determining the Molecular Mechanisms of Mechanotransduction."

Participants are expected to present their work at various university symposiums and final projects in their senior year at the annual Biomedical Engineering Society conference.

Huie will present at the Oct. 14-17 conference in San Diego.

Taylor Huie is the daughter of Mike and Jackie Huie of St. Joseph.

Clark retirees meeting Wednesday morning

BUCHANAN — The Clark Salaried Retirees Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Buchanan Area Senior Center, 810 Rynearson St.

Viki Gudas, executive director of the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, will give a report on the chamber's activities.

Retired salaried employees of Clark Equipment Co., and Clark Credit Union are eligible for membership in the club.

For more information, contact Don Ryman at 695-6552.

Tween winter carnival is tonight at library

ST. JOSEPH — Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market St., will host a winter carnival for tweens in fourth through sixth grade from 5:30-6:30 p.m. tonight.

There will be games, prizes and cocoa.

For more information, call 983-7167.

Korea veterans meeting Saturday

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Papasan-Mamasan Korea Veterans Association will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at American Legion Post 85, 112 N. Bluff St.

All Korean War veterans who were in service between June 25, 1950, and June 30, 1955, are eligible to attend.

Veterans who served during that time but did not go to Korea are eligible to join the organization.

For more information, contact Don Holmes at 695-1133.

Mobile food truck visits fire station

STEVENSVILLE — The Feeding America mobile food truck will stop at the Lincoln Township fire station, 2130 W. John Beers Road, from 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Library to host Afternoon Tea

NEW BUFFALO — The sixth annual Afternoon Tea at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St., will start at 2 p.m. Jan. 26 in the Pokagon Room.

The event will feature a variety of teas and treats as well as door prizes.

Tickets, which are $8, are on sale now. They are available at the library's front desk or by calling 469-2933.

Robinson Woods hike set for Jan. 18

THREE OAKS — The Harbor Country Hikers will start the new year with a hike through the Robinson Woods Preserve, 8016 W. East Road, at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Hike leader Pat Fisher, Hikers president, will share the post-glacial history of the area during the 1 1/2-mile moderate level hike. Deep ravines and ancient sand dunes are hidden in the woods.

Cold weather gear and water are recommended.

Harbor Country Hikers' free events are open to the public. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult, and dogs are allowed according to destination rules.

Club membership – $20 for individuals or $30 for families – is encouraged.

For weather cancellations, more information or to request a membership form, visit harborcountryhikers.com.

U.S. Census job info sessions set

BANGOR — Apply for jobs and learn more about 2020 Census employment opportunities during a recruitment session at Bangor Branch Library, 420 Division St.

The sessions will be from 9 a.m.-noon Friday and 1-5 p.m. Jan. 31.

Drop-in anytime during one of the events and meet with a Census recruiter.

For more information, call 427-8810.

Gamers wanted at Watervliet library

WATERVLIET — Watervliet District Library, 333 N. Main St., will host a gaming tournament and charity gaming marathon from 4-9 p.m. Jan. 24 to raise money for computer upgrades.

Pizza and snacks will be served. There will be several ways to play and support the library.

Players can compete in two console game tournaments – Super Smash Bros and Need for Speed Heat – for $5 per heat. The champions will receive a $25 gift card to Topps Trade Center.

Board game tournaments will be $1 to play. A set of earbuds and other freebies will go to every winner.

Short on cash but still want to participate? Pick up a sponsor sheet and gather sponsors. Every $5 of sponsor funds raised gains entry into one heat or an hour of play on the computers. A $1 sponsorship allows players a chance at a board game.

Gamers raising the most money will get a free T-shirt. All money must be turned in by Jan. 31.

Sponsor sheets are available at the library, online at www.watervlietlibrary.net, and on the library's Facebook page.

For more information, contact the library at 463-6382 or info@wdlib.org.

Scouts wanted in New Buffalo area

NEW BUFFALO — Pack 552 is looking for children who want to go on an adventure in Scouting in 2020.

Pack 552 covers the New Buffalo and River Valley school districts. The group meets at Three Oaks Elementary School at 6 p.m. Mondays.

For more information, come to a meeting or call clubmaster Ralph Whitsel at 612-8857.

Free book available at B. Harbor library

BENTON HARBOR — During the week of Jan. 20, children 9 and older can pick up a free copy of "Bud, Not Buddy" by Christopher Paul Curtis at Benton Harbor Public Library, 213 E. Wall St.

Children can read the book at home with their families, and then join the library in February for a book discussion as part of its One Book, One Benton Harbor program.

Library hosts Roblox, Minecraft meetup

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman Public Library, 4460 Lake St., will host a Roblox and Minecraft meetup and build challenge from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 21.

Youths and teens are invited to share tips and ideas with other gamers. To participate, they should bring their own device loaded with Minecraft, Roblox or other build game.

To participate, register at the library's circulation desk.

For more information, call 465-3663 or visit www.bridgmanlibrary.com.

B. Springs Camera Club meets Jan. 22

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien Springs Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 at Berrien Springs Community Library, 215 W. Union St.

This month's program will be a presentation titled "Before and After." Members are asked to submit one unprocessed image and the same image after processing to discuss with the group what features they manipulated to obtain their final image.

Files should JPGs with 1920-by-1280 pixel dimensions.

The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The club meets the first Wednesday of the month from September through June.

Trump ups Iran accusations, says 4 U.S. embassies targeted

By BEN FOX
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Confronted by persistent questions about his military action in the Middle East, President Donald Trump and his top officials offered a string of fresh explanations Friday, with Trump now contending Iranian militants had planned major attacks on four U.S. embassies.

Just hours earlier, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had said the U.S. didn't know when or where attacks might occur. Trump and other officials insisted anew that Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani had posed an imminent threat to the U.S., but they rebuffed repeated attempts to explain what they meant by "imminent."

Trump, meanwhile, announced additional sanctions against Iran, which he had promised after a barrage of missiles fired by the Islamic Republic against American bases in Iraq earlier this week.

Those Iranian missiles, which caused no casualties, were prompted by the U.S. drone strike that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani last week in Baghdad. That U.S. assault set off a chain of events that included the unintentional downing of a Ukrainian jetliner by the Iran military, and calls by the Iraqi government to expel U.S. troops from their country.

At the White House, Trump issued an executive order adding additional U.S. sanctions to the already long list his administration had imposed in an effort to force Iran to accept a new agreement that would curb its nuclear program and to halt support for militant groups throughout the Middle East.

Trump declared the U.S. was holding Iran responsible for attacks against the United States as well as a threat to U.S. service members, diplomats and civilians – an apparent reference to the justification for killing Soleimani.

"The United States will continue to counter the Iranian regime's destructive and destabilizing behavior," he said.

But Trump and others faced continuing questions over their claims of an "imminent" threat. Members of Congress said Pompeo and other officials did not provide sufficient detail or justification in briefings this week.

Defying police, Iranians protest over plane shootdown

By JOSEPH KRAUSS and JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

Mona Hoobehfekr / ISNA via AP

A woman attending a candlelight vigil to remember the victims of the Ukraine plane crash, talks to a policeman, at the gate of Amri Kabir University in Tehran, Iran, on Saturday. Security forces deployed in large numbers across Tehran on Sunday, expecting more protests after its Revolutionary Guard admitted to accidentally shooting down a passenger plane at a time of soaring tensions with the United States.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iranian demonstrators defied a heavy police presence Sunday night to protest their country's days of denials that it shot down a Ukrainian passenger plane carrying 176 people, the latest unrest to roil the capital amid soaring tensions with the United States.

Videos posted online showed protesters shouting anti-government slogans and moving through subway stations and sidewalks, many around Azadi, or Freedom, Square after an earlier call for people to demonstrate there. Other videos suggested similar protests were taking place in other Iranian cities.

Protesters often wore hoods and covered their faces, probably to avoid being recognized by surveillance cameras. Some online videos purported to show police firing tear gas sporadically, though there was no immediate wholesale crackdown on demonstrators.

Meanwhile, in an emotional speech before parliament, the head of the Revolutionary Guard apologized for the shootdown and insisted it was a tragic mistake.

"I swear to almighty God that I wished I was on that plane and had crashed with them and burned but had not witnessed this tragic incident," said Gen. Hossein Salami.

"I have never been this embarrassed in my entire life. Never."

Iran's state-run media, as well as semiofficial news agencies and publications, did not immediately report on the demonstrations. However, international rights groups already have called on Iran to allow people to protest peacefully as allowed by the country's constitution.

"After successive national traumas in a short time period, people should be allowed to safely grieve and demand accountability," said Hadi Ghaemi, the executive director of the New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran. "Iranians shouldn't have to risk their lives to exercise their constitutional right to peaceful assembly."

Riot police in black uniforms and helmets earlier massed in Vali-e Asr Square, at Tehran University and other landmarks. Revolutionary Guard members patrolled the city on motorbikes, and plainclothes security men were also out in force. People looked down as they walked briskly past police, hoping not to draw attention to themselves.

The plane crash early Wednesday killed everyone on board, mostly Iranians and Iranian-Canadians. After initially pointing to a technical failure and insisting the armed forces were not to blame, authorities on Saturday admitted accidentally shooting it down in the face of mounting evidence and accusations by Western leaders.

As trial nears, Trump keeps discredited Ukraine theory alive

By AMANDA SEITZ, ERIC TUCKER and RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press

The theory took root in vague form well before Donald Trump laid claim to the White House in 2016. The candidate's close confidant tweeted about it. His campaign chairman apparently spoke about it with people close to him.

What if, the idea went, it was actually Ukraine – and not Russia – that was interfering in the 2016 election?

Never mind that the notion has since been amplified by the president of Russia, the country that U.S. intelligence agencies unequivocally blame for interfering in that year's presidential race. Or that Trump's hand-picked FBI director and other American officials have said there's no information pointing to Ukraine interference. Or that 25 Russians stand charged in U.S. courts with hacking into Democratic emails and waging a covert social media campaign to sway American public opinion.

The Ukraine theory lives on.

Now, Trump's request for Ukraine to investigate the matter and a political rival, former Vice President Joe Biden, is at the heart of a congressional inquiry that produced Trump's impeachment by the House of Representatives. A Senate trial is next.

The discredited theory, spread online by GOP allies in interviews and tweets, has been embraced by a president reluctant to acknowledge the reality of Russian election interference, and anxious to show he had reason to be suspicious of Ukraine as the U.S. withheld crucial military aid last year.

The effect: blurring the facts of the impeachment case for many Americans even before it reaches a trial that could begin with days.

Experts fear the strategy leaves the U.S. vulnerable to more misinformation campaigns in the 2020 election and signals to the Kremlin and other foreign actors that Americans are willing to cling to falsehoods.

A review by The Associated Press shows that the Ukraine conspiracy theory traces back to Trump's 2016 campaign, was spread online and later advanced by Russian President Vladimir Putin weeks after his own country was blamed for election interference. Finally, some of America's own elected leaders made it their truth.

Queen prepares for royal family summit over Harry and Meghan

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — Ensconced with aides at her royal retreat, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II prepared Sunday for a crisis family meeting to work out a future for Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, after their dramatic decision to walk away from royal roles.

Well-wishers cheered the monarch as she made her weekly trip to a church at her Sandringham estate in eastern England. Meanwhile, supporters of the royal family's feuding factions used the British media to paint conflicting pictures of who was to blame for the rift.

Royal officials said the queen had summoned her grandson Harry, his elder brother Prince William and their father Prince Charles to Sandringham, 100 miles north of London, for a meeting on Monday.

The summit reflects the queen's desire to contain the fallout from Harry and Meghan's decision to "step back" as senior royals, work to become financially independent and split their time between Britain and North America.

The couple, also known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, made the announcement Wednesday without telling the queen or other senior royals first.

William is expected to travel to Sandringham from London and Harry from his home in Windsor, west of the British capital. Charles will fly back from the Gulf nation of Oman, where he was attending a condolence ceremony Sunday following the death of Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

Meghan, who is in Canada with the couple's baby son Archie, is likely to join the meeting by phone.

Buckingham Palace said "a range of possibilities" would be discussed, but the queen was determined to resolve the situation within "days, not weeks." The palace said the goal was to agree on next steps at Monday's gathering, which follows days of talks among royal courtiers and officials from the U.K. and Canada. Buckingham Palace stressed, however, that "any decision will take time to be implemented."

Among the details that need to be worked out are who will pay for the couple's currently taxpayer-funded security, what money-making activities they can undertake and what the tax consequences would be of moving to Canada or the United States.

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What people are saying in Southwest Michigan

"We were one of the first (public defender offices) and we've done it very well, so counties that are behind are stealing our people.

– BILL CHICKERING
Berrien County commissioner, after the county's second chief public defender announced he's resigning to accept a similar role in Kalamazoo County

"To me, it's sad to see this issue tearing a great denomination apart. … We're at the point that people will likely never agree and it's only hurting church growth. … We're realizing more and more that people are farther apart than we thought.

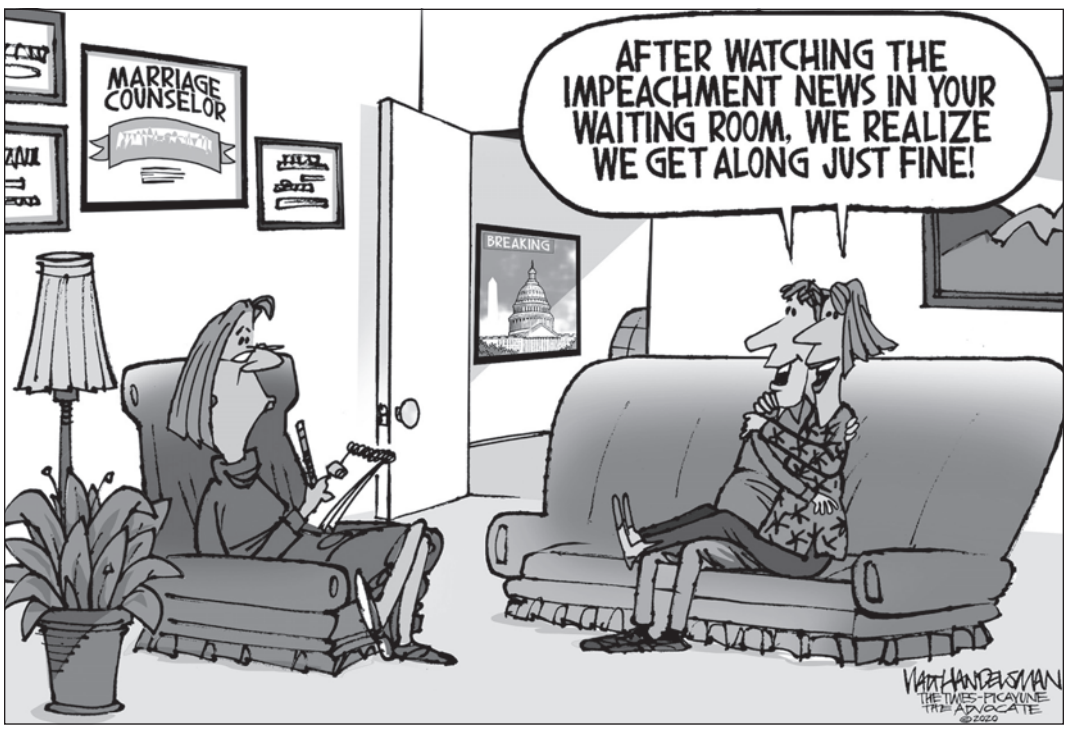
– REV. DAN COLTHORP
Pastor of First United Methodist Church in St. Joseph, on an upcoming vote by the Methodist General Conference to split the denomination in two over the issue of interpretation of Scripture, primarily due to disagreements about the acceptance of ordaining LGBTQ clergy

"The park and the residents deserve it. This will finally give us playground equipment.

– ROGER SEELY
St. Joseph Township supervisor, after the township received a $110,000 matching grant to pay for playground equipment at Maiden Lane Community Park

"A lot of the students here have similar backgrounds to me. I was a fourth generation farmer and first generation college . In college, I met people from around the world. I wanted to be in a place where students have that opportunity. People can start here and go anywhere.

– JOSEPH ODENWALD
Southwestern Michigan College's new president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Reaching a deal with Democrats and Iran

Democrats just won't give up on the cause of Iran getting nuclear weapons.

First off, we had President Barack Obama spending months and more months on a deal that shoved all kinds of obstacles out of the way. Then we had President Donald Trump yanking the United States out of the deal and actually fighting back with deadly force against a general specializing in terrorism who had killed 600 Americans. Democrats have been outraged, worrying about a war that's not exactly likely while, with some qualifications, presidential candidates say they will get us back in the Obama deal if Trump is defeated in this year's election.

Jay Ambrose

That promise might not tell the Iranians they will get all of Obama's gifts again, but it certainly sends hints to the dictators that they need not worry too much, that they can get rid of sanctions wrecking their economy and maybe still grin their way to mushroom clouds. In the interim, the horror of the left at what Trump did is itself close to a horror, a message to Iranians that they have cheerleaders across the Atlantic. Their tale has been that Trump acted recklessly, that he may have cheated the Constitution, that war is a done deal with him in office and that Congress must rise up by way of rescue.

Such concerns were hushed to the degree of applause when Obama and five other powers started dropping sanctions after Iranians agreed to talk because of them. With the United States leading the way, these negotiators amazingly agreed that Iran could keep the means of producing enriched uranium crucial for nuclear weaponry. Iran did agree to turn over its most highly enriched uranium to Russia, which has returned some of it. Without consequence, Iran has violated the treaty 32 times by trying to buy nuclear technology from Germany. We agreed not to inspect military bases just maybe involved in nuclear trickery.

An Obama aide later admitted he fed naïve reporters hooey as a way of selling the deal, and, look, Iran has since gotten away with tests of ballistic missiles ever expanding in numbers. It has joyfully sent out terrorists to kill and wound and destroy. It has rather obviously been aiming to revolutionize a Middle East that it will direct with nuclear weaponry facing down objections. There's a problem, though, because we have this Trump guy who thinks deterrence outdoes appeasement as a strategic model. He has let all kinds of things go, such as Iranians shooting down a U.S. drone, but the story is not over.

Major General Qassem Soleimani, a genocidal madman with a gentlemanly demeanor, crossed a Trumpian red line by killing an American, following that up with violence encircling an American embassy. Trump relied on another U.S. drone to in effect return fire, eliminating a cause of hellish effects. This was not a violation of the Constitution, as some Democrats have said, although it would be if Trump went to war without getting a declaration from Congress, something no president has done since World War II.

Iran threatened retaliation, Democrats in our homeland sounded as if they themselves had a revolution in mind and then there were the Iranian missiles and something remarkable: Almost certainly as a matter of intention, they did not kill anyone and did precious little damage. Trump did vow more sanctions, but repeated his often-stated offer of negotiation without preconditions. He made it clear he would not hit back.

We may now really, truly be on the way to victory, of restoring Iran to economic health and affording it a respected place among nations as Iran quits hiding anything and rids itself of the means of developing nuclear weaponry, terrorism, bullying the Middle East in every way it can and testing missiles. That's not for sure, of course, but it could happen if the Democrats would quit holding out hope that it can return to evil. We will see.

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ANOTHER OPINION

U.S. interests seem to have come out ahead

After days of teetering brinkmanship following Iran's killing of an American contractor and the U.S. elimination by drone of Iranian terror master Qassem Soleimani, the world breathes easier today. If the relative calm holds, and that's a sizable if, American interests come out decisively ahead.

Tuesday's apparently face-saving missile-firing by Iran caused no American casualties, seemingly on purpose, with Iran signaling no desire to escalate further, at least through conventional military means. In a late-morning address Wednesday, President Trump generally refrained from more incendiary rhetorical bombast, though he did essentially blame his predecessor, President Obama, for gifting the rockets Tehran fired.

The question now becomes whether there will be severe turbulence beneath a superficially calmer surface.

Pressing a perceived advantage, Trump called for new economic sanctions on Iran, in an attempt to push the mullahs into ending their destabilizing behavior. Good luck with that; Tehran has been lashing out to date in large part because of punishing sanctions already on its economy, imposed despite what was documented compliance with the multi-nation nuclear deal.

We didn't like that deal one bit, but Trump did lasting damage by pulling out, despite that compliance, without a way forward.

It's a relief that America and Iran avoided a hot war. But historically, Iran's retaliation has come weeks or even months later in the form of bombs and other mayhem, often executed by proxies.

Hold your breath. Victory over a brutal, terror-sponsoring regime is measured in years, not days.

– New York Daily News

Trump upholds the tradition of lying about war

Donald Trump's administration has been a fountain of lies from his first day in office. But the U.S. attack that killed a top Iranian commander promises to turn that fountain into a tsunami.

Steve Chapman

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo claimed the drone strike on the Baghdad airport was urgent because intelligence indicated Qassem Soleimani presented "imminent threats to American lives." But Pompeo was curiously unwilling to supply evidence.

The New York Times reported, "According to one United States official, the new intelligence indicated 'a normal Monday in the Middle East' – Dec. 30 – and General Soleimani's travels amounted to 'business as usual.'" The Washington Post divulged that Pompeo had been pressing Trump to kill Soleimani for months.

Why should anyone believe anything the secretary of state says? He was deliberately misleading a week ago Sunday when he scoffed at the idea that Trump might order the destruction of Iranian cultural sites – something the president had threatened before and reiterated even after Pompeo denied it.

Trump himself has been a paragon of dishonesty on Iran, even more than on most subjects. He pulled out of the nuclear deal, which he falsely said Iran was violating. Under the agreement, he said, Iran would "free to go ahead and create nuclear weapons" after seven years. In fact, it stipulated "that under no circumstances will Iran ever seek, develop or acquire any nuclear weapons."

He tweeted that Barack Obama "gave Iran 150 Billion Dollars and got nothing." Obama agreed to unfreeze Iran's own assets, which amounted to a fraction of that amount, in exchange for the effective dismantling of its nuclear program.

Americans should know by now that when our leaders take us into wars, they will do it on the basis of disinformation. President Lyndon Johnson got the authority to escalate in Vietnam by exploiting a minor 1964 naval incident in the Tonkin Gulf to accuse North Vietnam of "open aggression on the high seas" – which was false.

Johnson campaigned that year on a promise not to "send American boys 9 or 10,000 miles away from home to do what Asian boys ought to be doing for themselves." In 1965, he did exactly that. His successor, Richard Nixon, expanded the war with a lengthy bombing campaign in neighboring Cambodia, undertaken in secrecy.

Like Johnson and Nixon, this president and his subordinates believe that deceit is the best way to gain support for military action. Mike Pence said Soleimani's killing was justified because his Quds Force assisted al-Qaida in the 9/11 attacks – a conclusion firmly rejected by the 9/11 Commission, appointed by George W. Bush.

But Pence took a lesson from the Bush administration, which justified the Iraq War on the spurious claim that Saddam Hussein was responsible for the 9/11 attacks. Repetition of the charge soon convinced most Americans, though Bush himself later had to admit it was baseless.

Obama felt no compulsion to tell the truth about the war in Afghanistan, which he promised to end in his first 16 months but never did. A report by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction quoted an Obama National Security Council official on the administration's repeated claims of progress: "The metrics were always manipulated for the duration of the war."

Obama justified his intervention in the Libyan civil war as a way to prevent the slaughter of civilians, but eventually – without saying so – expanded the mission to regime change.

During World War I, the leftist writer Randolph Bourne argued that "war is the health of the state." What has become clear since then is that war depends on deception – about the reasons for committing to combat, the reasons for continuing to fight when it goes badly and the reasons the effort was necessary despite its ultimate failure.

Politicians realize that if citizens are to be mobilized in support of wars of choice, they must be fed a diet of lies. Even that may not work: Last summer, a Gallup Poll found that only 18 percent of Americans favored military action against Iran. A HuffPost/YouGov survey found that only 43 percent approved of the strike against Soleimani.

But if public support doesn't materialize, we can be sure the administration will concoct more fictions. There is a long history of presidential mendacity when it comes to matters of war. No one is better suited to uphold that tradition than Trump.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

Constitutional death of Gary Gilmore

In Furman v. Georgia, decided in 1972, the Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty unconstitutionally violated the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against "cruel and unusual punishment," because it was applied in "arbitrary and capricious ways." The court noted that because most states did not have sentencing guidelines for murder trials, juries had unlimited discretion to decide who was to be executed and who was to be incarcerated, and overwhelmingly juries sentenced blacks and other minorities to death, while whites went to jail. This, the court noted, also violated the 14th Amendment, which stated that "due process of law" must be applied equally.

Bruce Kauffmann

History Lesson

To remedy this, the states began instituting sentencing guidelines, while also instructing juries on what factors to consider when deciding between incarceration and death – and race, creed and color weren't among them. Thus, four years later, in Gregg v. Georgia, the Supreme Court re-instituted the death penalty.

Sure enough, after that the first person sentenced to death for murder was white. Gary Gilmore died this week (Jan. 17) in 1977 by firing squad in Utah for killing a gas station attendant and motel manager in July of 1976. At his trial his lawyers pleaded the insanity defense, but although he had a history of drugs, drinking and violence, it was denied. By then Gilmore was resigned to his fate, and the jury unanimously recommended the death penalty. Given the choice of being hung or shot, Gilmore chose being shot, knowing it was a quicker way to die.

The execution was set for November 15, 1976, but the American Civil Liberties engineered several stays of execution, which surprised and angered Gilmore. "This is my life, and this is my death," he said. "It's been sanctioned by the courts that I die, and I accept that." The day after the first stay of execution, Gilmore unsuccessfully attempted suicide, and would attempt it again one month later.

The ACLU's last appeal for a stay of execution occurred just hours before his execution, but it was overturned. In the prison's death house, Gilmore was strapped to a chair, and five local police officers, concealed behind a curtain, aimed their rifles through five small holes. When asked if he had any last words, Gilmore replied, "Let's do it."

Because he was the first to die after the death penalty's reinstatement, Gilmore attracted lots of media attention, and the author Norman Mailer wrote a best-selling book, The Executioner's Song, based on his life.

And finally – believe it or not – according to Dan Wieden, head of the ad agency, Wieden & Kennedy, which represented the Nike Sportswear Company, Gilmore's last words, "Let's do it," were the inspiration for the Nike slogan, "Just Do It."

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Sue Ogrocki / AP photos

A group of recently acquired miniature horses run in their paddock at Nexus Equine in Edmond, Okla. on Dec. 11. In partnership with a pilot program run by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Nexus Equine works to rescue horses and re-home them, providing care and training before the horses are adopted out.

Oklahoma program offers rescue for horses, other equine

By SEAN MURPHY
Associated Press

Dr. Charlotte Kin examines a newly acquired miniature horse at Nexus Equine on Dec. 12.

EDMOND, Okla. — When Ken Friend learned a job transfer meant moving his family to California from the small farm they'd been living on in rural Oklahoma, he knew he'd have to find new homes for his animals.

In addition to the four dogs Friend had adopted over the 14 years he and his wife lived in Tecumseh, they also had four horses who enjoyed free rein on 80 acres of Oklahoma pasture. Friend managed to find homes for two of his dogs and gave away one of his riding horses, but he struggled to find a home for his longtime pal, a 28-year-old appendix quarter horse named Indigo.

"That horse was my buddy," Friend said. "I rode him for years, and I just couldn't see giving him to anybody."

After months of searching with no luck, Friend turned to a new equine rescue facility operated by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The nonprofit agency says the pilot program is the first of its kind in the U.S. that will accept any horse, no matter its condition.

Experts say the problem facing equine owners like Friend is a growing one across the country, sometimes leading to horses starving to death. Just in recent months, prosecutors filed criminal charges in cases involving cruelty to horses in Colorado,Illinois and Vermont. In one case in Pennsylvania, starving horses with no food were found eating tree roots and fence posts.

Several years ago Oklahoma ended a 50-year ban on the slaughter of horses, with advocates for the change citing the growing situation of horses being abandoned in their old age.

The problem can become more acute in states with volatile economies, like Alaska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Wyoming or Oklahoma, which rely heavily on the energy industry. Some horse owners might lose a job or family income, or even grow too old to properly care for a horse, said Dr. Dan Burba, head of the Oklahoma State University's Veterinary Clinical Sciences Department.

"There are owners with neither the room, time or resources to keep these animals through their longevity," Burba said. "Horses now, with the care they're receiving, they're living longer, there's more of them out there, and it sometimes gets to a point where owners say, 'This horse is too old for me to keep,' or 'It's taking a lot more care from me than I can afford.'

"These are the populations of horses that are at risk."

A collaborative study conducted last year showed nearly 5,000 horses were received at various rescue facilities during a six-month period in 2018, with nearly 90 percent of those horses ending up adopted. The study showed many of the horses were seized by law enforcement.

Located on gently rolling hills on the outskirts of the Oklahoma City suburb of Edmond, the pilot facility in Oklahoma already has taken in more than 50 animals, mostly horses, but also some donkeys, said Thomas Persechino, ASPCA's director of equine welfare.

"In a good number of situations, people hold on to their horses longer than they anticipated because they don't have the option of taking it somewhere," he said. "For some people, that horse may end up in an at-risk situation and go someplace where the owner never intended it to go."

Among the animals available to be adopted are two donkeys, Albert and Yankee, miniatures like Tomahawk and Jack Frost, and about a dozen horses.

A similar pilot program in Dallas last year helped nearly 60 equines in less than six months, Persechino said. About 30 percent of those were relinquished due to health reasons and had to be euthanized upon arrival, but nearly all the rest were successfully adopted into new homes.

The main reasons people bring horses to the facility, Persechino said, are that owners are physically unable to provide them with proper care, the horses are too sick or the owners are moving.

Ultimately, the goal for the Oklahoma program is to gather more data, share it with partners in the horse and animal shelter community and develop a plan to address the problem nationally.

"I would envision us wrapping up the pilot in Oklahoma City sometime in 2020, get a really good understanding of what horse owners are facing, maybe do another pilot in another part of the country," he said.

OBITUARIES

William 'Bill' Crittenden

William "Bill" Crittenden, 89, of Benton Township died at his home on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens. The visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

CRITTENDEN

Bill was born on Feb. 9, 1930 in Memphis, Tenn., to Malcolm and Irene Crittenden. He was a veteran of WWII and served in the U.S. Army. Bill was a foreman at Paramount Die Casting for more than 25 years before they closed and he was then employed at Auto Specialties for another seven years before retiring. He was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church and a member of the VFW. His 42-year companion, Polly Shindledecker, preceded him in death in 2006. He was a well-known pool player in the Berrien County area. He also enjoyed wood working and was a "Mr. Fix-It Guy." He loved spending time with his family and watching his grandchildren play baseball.

His family includes his children, Jim (Molesia) Crittenden of Millersville, Mo., Tina (Thomas) Froehlich of St. Joseph, Susan Phillips of Decatur and Billie Wells of Ypsilanti; his brother, Buford; his sister, Virginia; his four grandchildren; his three great-grandchildren; his friend and caregiver, Rebecca Dopieralski and his dog, Skippy. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Terry Crittenden and his two brothers, Charles and Albert.

Esther Mae Thomas

Esther Mae Thomas, age 88, of Three Oaks died peacefully, Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 in the presence of her family.

THOMAS

Esther was born Sept. 7, 1931 in Three Oaks, the youngest of eight children, to Arthur and Bessie Martin. She married Gerald "Jerry" Thomas, Sr. on Nov. 4, 1951 in Benton Harbor. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 2015.

Esther played piano for Sunday School at Three Oaks United Methodist Church, of which she was a member for many years. She had a green thumb and loved her flowers and plants. She enjoyed quilting, knitting and crocheting. Esther loved to cook and later continued this by cooking for gatherings and functions in the area.

Esther will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by four daughters, Debbie Thomas of Alexandria, Ind., Jeanie (Bruce) Hauch of Sawyer, Cheryl Thomas of Three Oaks, Dawn Cooney of Apache Junction, Arizona; four sons, Dave (Gloria) Thomas of Three Oaks, Roger (Karen) Thomas of South Bend, Gerald (Fawn) Thomas, Jr. of Lebanon, Ill., Mark Thomas of Three Oaks: Twenty-one grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband of 63 years, Esther was preceded in death by one son, Paul Thomas; two sisters, Juanita Dickey, Ruth Warren: and five brothers, Wade Martin, John Martin, Bill Martin, Bob Martin and David Martin.

Family and friends will gather Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020, from 4-7 p.m., in Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, 106 Ash St., Three Oaks. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at 11 a.m. in Three Oaks United Methodist Church, 2 East Sycamore St., Three Oaks, with The Reverend Brenda Ludwig officiating.

Mrs. Thomas' remains will be laid to rest beside her husband in Posey Chapel Cemetery, LaPorte, Ind.

The family prefers contributions be made in Esther's memory to Spring Creek School Restoration Fund, c/o Three Oaks Township Hall, 6810 U.S. Highway 12, Post Office Box 55, Three Oaks, Michigan, 49128.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks.

Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Death notices

Jeffery L. "Jeff" Maxey, 66, of Dowagiac dies on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020. Arrangements have been entrusted to Clark Chapel.

Slain Gdansk mayor honored during yearly fundraising finale

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Late Gdansk Mayor Pawel Adamowicz was remembered on Sunday evening during the finale of a yearly Polish fundraiser – the same event during which he was fatally stabbed on stage last year.

Adamowicz was stabbed in the heart on Jan. 13, 2019, during an event dubbed "Light to Heaven" in Gdansk, by a psychologically unstable ex-convict and died the next day at age 53.

In Gdansk, a chorus performed an mournful rendition of "Sound of Silence," a song that was played last year as Gdansk and the nation were plunged into mourning.

Images of the beloved mayor appeared on a video screen and a beam of light pointed to the sky.

His widow Magdalena Adamowicz told those gathered that she feels her husband remains with her and the people of Gdansk.

"Pawel is with me, he is with me all the time, his wedding ring hangs from my neck," his widow said. "He is with all of us."

His brother Piotr also thanked them on behalf of himself and their parents.

After the attack last year, Adamowicz's killer grabbed a microphone and told the crowd that it was his revenge against an opposition political party that Adamowicz had once belonged to.

The political undercurrent sparked soul-searching in Poland about rising hate speech. Adamowicz himself had been vilified by public media, which is controlled by the conservative government, for his acceptance of refugees and gays.

"Remember that good wins, that evil cannot win, that we will not be intimidated," his widow said.

Elsewhere across the country, people gathered for events at the end of the 28th annual Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity, which raises funds to buy life-saving equipment for children for children's hospitals.

By last Sunday the charity had gathered $20 million.

The charity's founder, Jerzy Owsiak, also expressed solidarity with Australia, which has been devastated by raging deadly wildfires.

Rent deal means it's not last call for historic tavern

NEW YORK (AP) — A 190-year-old New York City tavern where scenes from the movie "Goodfellas" were filmed will stay open thanks to a deal reached Friday by the bar's owner and his landlord, city officials said.

Mayor Bill de Blasio and the Queens Chamber of Commerce announced "a handshake agreement" between Loycent Gordon, the owner of Neir's Tavern, and property owners Ken and Henry Shi.

"I'm proud to have helped keep the doors open so New Yorkers can continue to enjoy a place that has meant so much to so many over the years. Cheers to another 190 years!" de Blasio, a Democrat, said in a statement.

Thomas Grech, president of the Queens Chamber of Commerce, said, "It would be a shame to lose an institution with as much history as Neir's, and we're thrilled the bar will continue to serve its patrons for years to come."

Frank Franklin II / AP

Patrons gather outside of Neir's Tavern on Saturday in the Queens borough of New York. The 190-year-old New York City tavern where scenes from the movie "Goodfellas" were filmed will stay open thanks to a deal reached Friday by the bar's owner and his landlord, city officials said.

Gordon announced earlier this week that Sunday would be the the last call for the pub in the Woodhaven neighborhood of Queens "unless a miracle happens." He said a rent increase and other rising costs had made it impossible to stay in business.

De Blasio promised to help save Neir's when Gordon called into WNYC's weekly "Ask the Mayor" radio show Friday morning, and the mayor joined bar patrons to celebrate the deal later Friday.

A video posted on Twitter by Queens Eagle managing editor David Brand shows de Blasio toasting the tavern's owner with a chant of "Loy! Loy! Loy!"

Neir's opened in 1829 as the Old Blue Pump House and has operated at the same location under several different names.

It has been featured in several movies including "Goodfellas," Martin Scorsese's 1990 mob classic starring Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci and Ray Liotta.

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Do you remember?

25 years ago – 1995

Lakeshore and Dowagiac took a giant step this week toward leaving the Lakeland Conference and joining the Wolverine Conference. And Coloma may not be far behind.

Lakeshore, Dowagiac and Mattawan (of the KVA) all have made official applications to join the conference, and sources say Coloma is also interested.

Lakeshore, Dowagiac and Coloma have been looking for possible alternatives to the Lakeland Conference after the Class C schools in the league voted to realignment next fall into two divisions for football, one for the trio and the other for the remainder of the conference.

35 years ago – 1985

The new Bridgman Public Library is scheduled to open tomorrow, according to librarian, Marilyn Roth. The building, which was proposed five years ago, was completed in December. It is located at the corner of Toth and Lake streets. The library, which cost about $360,000, was funded by federal and local money and designed by Allegretti Architects, St. Joseph.

50 years ago – 1970

The fuel carrier "Venus" of Chicago made it to within 500 yards of the North Pier late Sunday night before it became stuck in the ice of Lake Michigan. The tanker, containing 1.5 million gallons of fuel oil and gasoline will be helped out by the ice-breaker Woodbine from the Grand Haven Coast Guard station and should be freed sometime today.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2020. There are 353 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 2012, the Italian luxury liner Costa Concordia ran aground off the Tuscan island of Giglio and flipped onto its side; 32 people were killed.

On this date:

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

In 1864, American songwriter Stephen Foster died in poverty in a New York hospital at age 37.

In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship. Novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd birthday.

In 1964, Roman Catholic Bishop Karol Wojtyla (the future Pope John Paul II) was appointed Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, by Pope Paul VI.

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minnesota, at age 66.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cloudy	Chance Snow	Chance Rain	Chance Rain & Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Possible
41°	34°	45° / 31°	39° / 28°	32° / 22°	37° / 29°

Local Outlook

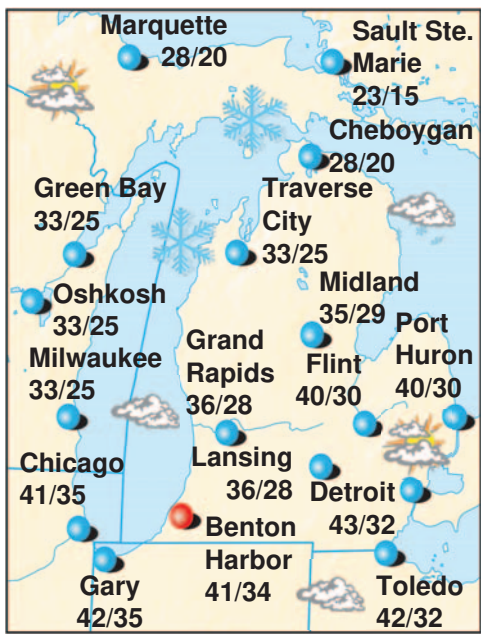
Today we will see cloudy skies with a high temperature of 41°, humidity of 71%. South southwest wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of snow, overnight low of 34°. Southeast wind 2 to 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 26°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:12 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:36 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 9:09 p.m.
Moonset ..... 10:28 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
1/17	1/24	2/1	2/9

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	32°
Low	29°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	63° in 2005
Record Low	2° in 2016

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.91"
Normal for month	0.65"
Year to date	2.91"
Normal Year to date	0.65"

Air Quality

Yesterday 28
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

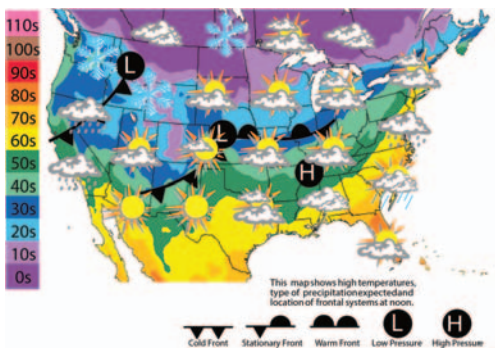
Weather Trivia

What type of clouds do thunderstorms develop from? ?

Answer: Cumulonimbus clouds.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 13, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SW wind 5 to 10 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves around 2 ft. Water temperature 37 degrees. Tonight, SE wind 5 to 12 kt. A slight chance of snow. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy to cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 20s and 30s. East wind 8 mph. Expect cloudy skies Tuesday with widespread snow showers, highs in the 30s. South wind 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with highs in the 30s and 40s. South southwest wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Tuesday with isolated rain, highs in the 40s. Southwest wind 9 to 14 mph.

Faith Alford / WABG via AP

Emergency personnel survey the damage from toppled trees in this Greenville, Miss., neighborhood, on Saturday as severe storms swept across parts of the U.S. South. The storms are blamed for a number of deaths, as high winds, tornadoes and unrelenting rain battered a large area of the South.

Recovery begins after storms that kill 11 in Midwest, South

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands remained without electrical power Sunday morning after weekend storms ravaged parts of the Southeast and Midwest, causing 11 deaths, overturning cars, uprooting trees and reducing buildings to rubble.

The National Weather Service says it was a tornado packing winds of at least 134 mph that hit Alabama's Pickens County on Saturday, killing three. Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey praised the state's first responders Sunday in a statement expressing grief over the loss of life.

"This morning, I have reached out to both the county leadership as well as the legislative delegation to offer my deepest condolences in this terrible loss of life," Ivey's statement said.

In northwestern Louisiana, three deaths were blamed on high winds.

A man in his bed in Oil City, Louisiana, was crushed to death by a tree that fell on his home early Saturday. A couple in nearby Bossier Parish were killed when the storms demolished their mobile home. The National Weather Service said a tornado with 135 mph winds hit the area.

Icy road conditions were blamed for Saturday deaths in Lubbock, Texas, where two first responders were killed when they were hit by a vehicle at the scene of a traffic accident; and in Iowa, where a semi-trailer on Interstate 80 overturned, killing a passenger.

Near Kiowa, Oklahoma, a man drowned after he was swept away by floodwaters, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said.

High winds and icy weather were factors in power outages affecting tens of thousands of people in the South and the Northeast. The PowerOutage.US website, which tracks outages, reported more than 40,000 outages in New York. More than 28,000 were without power in the Carolinas on Sunday morning.

Entergy Corporation, said its subsidiaries serving Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi had more than 30,000 customers without power Sunday morning, most in Mississippi and Arkansas. That was down from a peak of 134,000 outages in the entire Entergy system. While most were expected to be restored later in the day, some in areas of Arkansas and Mississippi with extensive damage might take longer, said spokeswoman Lee Sabatini.

"They have had extensive infrastructure damage," Sabatini said of the two states.

ATTACKED

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she was made aware of the situation by Athletic Director Michael VanHoven, who was Battle Creek's athletic director for seven years before being hired by the Benton Harbor school district in 2018. She said it's being investigated, and she's waiting for a police report from the Battle Creek Police Department.

Booker said she's still angry about what happened. She said VanHoven warned her the day before the basketball game that he had heard rumors that there could be trouble. She said he promised her cheerleaders would be escorted to and from the bus to make sure they were safe.

But that didn't happen. Booker said the basketball players were escorted to and from their bus, but not the cheerleaders.

"Our girls need safety, and our community needs to know what happened to us," she said.

Rush said she expects the situation to be discussed at the next school board meeting, which is at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Benton Harbor High School library.

Benton Harbor beat Battle Creek 81-52.

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MAYFIELD

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Why did you want to be the chief judge?

I think that everything has a season, and when I learned that Judge Bruce was not going to be continuing, and he's been a fantastic chief judge, I thought "Well what can I take to the leadership space?"

I had been presiding over the Family Division for four years at that point, so I've been part of the leadership group that worked with him on a number of the projects that he has initiated.

We now have a strategic plan in place, and we're in the process of implementation.

We've got new technology coming in terms of our computer system. I was engaged in those types of things and I want to continue to see those come to full fruition.

Are you excited about this appointment?

I am. I'm excited about the opportunities that it offers. I think we did a lot of good work over the last four years in the Family Division. I'm really pleased with things.

What are you most proud of?

Hirings. When you get the right people in the right places I have found that can probably be one of the best decisions you made. To have the person who can accomplish what needs to be done. And I'm very proud about what we've done in Probate. It's a good team.

What do you think the courts here do well?

I think we continue to be a leader in innovation. We've always been on the cutting edge of everything, such as becoming a unified court. That was a new concept.

That was a new thing. I'm an elected Probate judge and I'm in the Family Division, I have an elected Circuit judge who is in the Family Division. You could have an elected Probate judge who would serve in the Criminal Division. The thought process at that point was a judge is a judge is a judge, and should be able to be assigned anywhere and perform the task in those different divisions.

And our specialty courts, and that's over a 20-year period. The (Michigan) Supreme Court helps drive a lot of what's being passed down to the state courts. There have been lots of changes over the past 20 years. Like people acknowledging that a Veterans Court was necessary. We're still looking at the potential for that.

One of my passions moving forward, when I stop and look at us as a truly unified court with the various specialties we have now, would be that approach. It may even better serve the whole family. For instance, I went down to support Judge Howard at the end of the year for graduates from the sobriety court, these are people who have substance problems. They're also often people who have children, and that negatively impacts the family, and sometimes can result in neglect and abuse cases. At the end of the day, it's the family that needs the services, it's the child that's being affected and potentially removed from a home.

In the Family Division, things we've done well is we've become more recently a trauma-informed court, trauma-trained, and there's a focus on that, a better understanding. It makes a difference if you have a better handle on the people who are appearing before you. Like the new kids' (waiting) room, that's a part of trauma-informed response. We know we need to make children feel more comfortable if we can, and part of that is giving them a voice. I think we're always on the cutting edge. I think we're good at innovation.

What are some of your early goals as chief judge?

Number one, I have met with every judge, every administrator, almost an hour for every person, about 19 of them. I asked them to share what are the three things that if we were able to accomplish in two years would excite you?

I learned that among the court as a whole, there's a commitment to our mission, which is: Serve the public ensuring fair and timely justice for all.

That's our mission. Pretty succinct. Everybody in the courthouse recognizes that's our mission. From the people who meet you at the front door, to the judges all the way up, that's the mission. And within that, we are leaders, providing equal access, high standards of justice and a positive experience for the public and employees.

Everybody in this building is a public servant, because that's what we do. So it's important for everybody to be on that same page and to really understand that mission. And not just know the words, but embrace it.

The strategic plan was finished at the end of 2018. We had five strategic focus area groups and one was committed to access to the court, so there are no barriers. I'm going to remain the judge sponsor for that group as we continue our work.

Also, out of those 19 interviews, easily 90 percent of what people shared is that we need to be better in our internal communications. So I'm real focused on that.

Who is Judge Mayfield as a person? What do you do for fun?

Oh wow. I enjoy my work! I think that helps. There's a vacation spot in Mexico that for years we go a couple of times a year. My husband thinks I don't really understand the whole vacation concept. But it's just really wonderful for me. I'm not coming to work. I don't have any other responsibilities for that week. Nothing. I get up, I can get to yoga class at 7. Then I can do my walk, almost a 2.5-mile walk around the grounds, then I come back and end up at the gym for a minute, then I get in water exercise class and it's wonderful. That excites me, I absolutely love that. And then I relax. I just sit and read, enjoy the sun, and definitely get massages. That's fun. I enjoy watching people, engaging with people. I love the arts, theater, music, musicals. You don't want to sit near me at a musical because I'm going to sing.

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Chiefs roar back, advance to AFC title game

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LSU head coach Ed Orgeron, left, and Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney shake hands after a news conference Sunday.

Clemson can join elite company with win

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Clemson coach Dabo Swinney has this drill down.

The Sunday before the College Football Playoff championship game a news conference is held with the head coaches. They compliment each other's team and talk about focus and preparation. After, they shake hands and pose for photographs with the trophy that goes to the winner.

This was Swinney's third time doing the dance, always as the team trying to derail a dynasty. Now his Tigers are on the cusp of joining exclusive in college football history.

No. 3 Clemson (14-0) will try to become the fourth team since The Associated Press began crowning college football national champions in 1936 to win three titles in four seasons when it faces No. 1 LSU (14-0) on Monday night at the Superdome.

"They know," Swinney said of his players. "They're very well aware of what they've been able to achieve. And listen, regardless of what happens in the game tomorrow night, it's really been a historic run. To win two out of the last three national championships is amazing."

To win the first two, Clemson upset Alabama twice in the championship game. The Tigers also

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Late run hurts Michigan

By PATRICK DONNELLY
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Daniel Oturu shook off an injury and had a career game to help Minnesota take down another ranked opponent.

Minnesota 75 Michigan 67

Oturu scored a career-high 30 points and the Gophers went on a late 11-0 run to beat No. 19 Michigan 75-67 on Sunday.

The sophomore center had 20 points in a dominant first half, and he continued his roll with six quick points after the break. But with 14:35 remaining, he hit the deck hard while fighting for a rebound. He stayed on the floor for nearly five minutes, clutching his left shoulder as a hush fell over the crowd.

Oturu received treatment on his shoulder in the locker room and returned to a standing ovation after missing about three minutes of action.

"It felt like it slipped in and out, so I was in a lot of pain," Oturu said of his shoulder. "But regardless of what injury or whatever I was feeling, I was going to go back out there because I needed to help my team win this game. That was the most important

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Hannah Foslien / AP

Minnesota's Tre' Williams, right, guards against Michigan's Franz Wagner during Sunday's game.

Michael Conroy / AP

Purdue forward Evan Boudreaux (12) defends against Michigan State forward Xavier Tillman on the floor during the second half of Sunday's game.

All smashed up

Purdue defense bottles up No. 8 MSU

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue's struggling offense received all the attention the last couple weeks.

Purdue 71 Michigan St. 42

Now the Boilermakers can start focusing on the raves about their seemingly unbreakable defense.

Purdue held No. 8 Michigan State to its two lowest scoring halves of the season and lowest point total in nearly eight years as it snapped a two-game losing streak with a 71-42 upset.

"Probably the worst beating I've taken as a coach," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "I think that was great pressure by Purdue. I thought (Purdue coach) Matt (Painter) did one hell of a job."

The Spartans (13-4, 5-1 Big Ten) came into the game as a 4 1/2-point favorite, averaging 81.3 points per game — 16th in the country — and a reputation for physical play.

But Purdue bottled up Michigan State at every turn and eventually the Spartans buckled.

Cassius Winston, the league's preseason pick for player of the year, finished with 10 points, five assists and nine turnovers. His teammates weren't any better.

Michigan State finished with season-lows in field goals (18), 3-pointers (two), field goal percentage (35.3) and 3-point percentage (12.5) while accumulating a season-high 18 turnovers. The 32 rebounds matched the Spartans' second-lowest total of the season, and the 42 points were their fewest since a 42-41 loss at Illinois on Jan. 31, 2012.

Naturally, the Spartans' eight-game winning streak ended.

"I just thought they never really quite got into a rhythm," Painter said. "I don't want to put that on them or give us the credit. A lot of times it's something in between."

The Boilermakers (10-7, 4-3), meanwhile, extended their home winning streak against conference foes to 15 and now have two victories over top-10 teams this season — both by 29-point margins.

Purdue scored the first five points, then extended the lead to 19-4 with a 12-0 run. Trevion Williams, who finished with 16 points, helped fuel another big run, 13-2, that made it 34-14 with 3:23 left in the first half.

Michigan State never recovered despite trimming the deficit to 37-20 at halftime and 39-27 early in the second half.

The Boilermakers responded with two 3-pointers to take a 45-29 lead with 14:11 to play and Michigan State couldn't get closer than 11 again.

"We've shown flashes, especially at home that we can play well," Painter said. "We haven't been

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Jackson, Ravens can't sustain regular season success

By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — The Lamar Jackson who ran with abandon and threw 36 touchdown passes for the best team in the league failed to show up in the playoffs — again.

During his marvelous second season in the NFL, Jackson was an All-Pro quarterback who carried the Baltimore Ravens to the best record in the league. Jackson amassed the most yards rushing by a quarterback in league history and was the catalyst of an offense that led the NFL in scoring.

He put up some gaudy numbers on Saturday night against Tennessee — running for 143 yards and amassing 365 yards through the air — but Jackson also threw two interceptions, lost a fumble and failed twice on fourth-and-1 carries, leading Baltimore to just one touchdown in a 28-12 upset loss.

We just beat ourselves. I had a lot of mistakes on my behalf. Three turnovers. That shouldn't happen.

LAMAR JACKSON
Baltimore quarterback

And that is why the top-seeded Ravens are done for the season, much sooner than expected. Baltimore's 12-game winning streak, home-field advantage and status as the top seed in the AFC proved completely irrelevant.

"We just beat ourselves. I had a lot of mistakes on my behalf," Jackson said. "Three turnovers. That shouldn't happen."

Coming off a three-week break and looking appropriately rusty in doing so, an error-prone Jackson didn't get the Ravens into the end zone until the fourth quarter. That's exactly what happened a year ago, when Baltimore scored two late touchdowns in its playoff opener against the Los Angeles Chargers.

Jackson's goal this season was to erase the memory of that game, which came after he guided Baltimore to a 6-1 finish. Jackson went 2 of 8 for 17 yards and an interception in the first half against the Chargers, and the Ravens fell behind 23-3 in a one-and-out playoff

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Julio Cortez / AP

Baltimore quarterback Lamar Jackson slips away from Tennessee linebacker Harold Landry during the first half of Saturday's game.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Ben Brower pulls down a rebound against Dowagiac during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Benton Harbor's Jmya Jordan and Berrien Springs' Kym'meisha Ellis-Davis chase down a loose ball during the first half of Thursday night's game.

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Niles' Jamison Zimmerman ties up St. Joseph's Collin Staneart at 112 pounds during Wednesday's match.

From last week

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Coloma's Vanessa Crisenbery scrambles for a loose ball against Saugatuck's Emma Walker during Friday night's game.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Coloma's Michael Dancer shoots over Saugatuck's Ryan Shanahan during the first half of Friday night's game.

Photo provided / David Johnson

River Valley's Macey Springer, right, keeps pace with Michigan Lutheran's Jessi Jewell during Thursday's game.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Ja'Kobe Young drives between Dowagiac's Cailyn Murphy and De'Ondray Henry during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

In brief

Patriots' Edelman arrested for vandalism

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — New England Patriots star Julian Edelman was arrested in Southern California on suspicion of misdemeanor vandalism after jumping on the hood of someone's car, authorities said Sunday.

Edelman, 33, caused unspecified damage when he jumped on the vehicle Saturday night on a commercial block of Beverly Hills, police Lt. Elisabeth Albanese said in a statement.

Edelman was released on a citation and is scheduled to appear in court April 13. It wasn't known Sunday if he had an attorney, and the Patriots had no immediate comment.

Edelman led the Patriots during the 2019 regular season with 100 receptions, 1,117 yards and six touchdowns.

Browns to name Stefanski coach

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Browns didn't pass on Kevin Stefanski a second time.

Cleveland is hiring the Vikings' offensive coordinator to be its new coach, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Stefanski agreed to accept the position a day after Minnesota was beaten 27-10 by the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC playoffs, according to the person who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the sides have yet to finalize a contract. An official announcement is expected Monday.

The 37-year-old Stefanski nearly became Cleveland's coach a year ago but finished as a runner-up when the Browns selected Freddie Kitchens, a surprise hire who was fired after a disappointing, drama-filled 6-10 season. Stefanski spent this past season bolstering his varied resume running Minnesota's offense, and the Browns made sure they didn't let him get away again.

Broncos fire offensive coordinator

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos are looking for their fifth offensive coordinator in five seasons after Vic Fangio changed his mind about keeping his coaching staff intact and fired Rich Scangarello on Sunday.

Scangarello, a disciple of San Francisco 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan, struggled in his first gig calling offensive plays in the NFL as the Broncos (7-9) regressed in almost every offensive category in 2019.

In his season-ending news conference, Fangio said he didn't plan to make any changes to his coaching staff. But he changed his mind after reviewing Denver's dismal offense that averaged just 17.6 points.

The Broncos got off to a 2-6 start and quarterback Joe Flacco criticized Scangarello's play-calling as too conservative after a 15-13 loss at Indianapolis at midseason.

The Broncos' OC job has been as much of a turnstile of late as head coach and quarterback with Rick Dennison (2016), Mike McCoy (2017) Bill Musgrave (2018) and Scangarello all flailing in the years since the Broncos won Super Bowl 50 in Peyton Manning's final season.

National team wins Tropical Bowl

DELAND, Fla. (AP) — Tom Flacco of Towson threw for 173 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score to help the National team beat the American 35-7 in the Tropical Bowl on Sunday at Spec Martin Stadium.

Flacco is the brother of Denver Broncos quarterback Joe Flacco,

Dan Chisena of Penn State caught a 69-yarder from Flacco in the fourth quarter and a 55-yarder from Tulane's Justin McMillan (7 of 10 for 93 yards) in the second. The National team took a 21-0 lead on Flacco's 8-yard run with 1:04 remaining in the first half. Chisena had five catches for 155 yards.

Flacco's first touchdown pass went to another Baltimore-based player — Manasseh Bailey of Morgan State for 21 yards to cap off the National team's opening drive.

Saif Kahn of Clarion scored the National team's other touchdown on a 10-yard fumble return in the third quarter.

Jaylon Henderson of Boise State had the American team's only touchdown on a 12-yard quarterback keeper after leading a 16-play, 75-yard drive.

Airwaves

Television today

2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, Second Round. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** New Orleans Pelicans at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (ESPN) **CFP National Championship** Clemson vs LSU. (Live)

Tuesday

2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, Third Round. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Nebraska at Ohio State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Duke at Clemson. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Ole Miss at Florida. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at New York Islanders. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Minnesota Wild at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Ottawa Senators. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Iowa at Northwestern. (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** DePaul at Villanova. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Kansas at Oklahoma. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Maryland at Wisconsin. (Live)
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** San Diego State at Fresno State. (Live)

Radio today

8 p.m.
College football — National championship, LSU vs. Clemson (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Tuesday

7 p.m.
High school basketball — Benton Harbor at Grandville (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
High school basketball — South Haven at Dowagiac (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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Kansas City running back Damien Williams scores a touchdown past Houston safety Justin Reid during the second half of Sunday's game.

Chiefs rally from 24-0 hole to wipe out Texans

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes stalked up and down the sideline like a field marshal rallying his troops, the brilliant young quarterback imploring the Kansas City Chiefs to stay together even as the Houston Texans were on the verge of taking them apart.

Kansas City 51, Houston 31

The Chiefs already faced a 24-0 hole, bigger than any deficit they had overcome in franchise history.

"The biggest thing I was preaching," Mahomes said later, "was, 'Let's go do something special. Everybody is counting us out. Let's go out there and play by play put it out there.' And play by play, we did what we were supposed to do."

Beginning with the first of his five touchdown passes, Mahomes and the Chiefs slowly chipped away at Houston's seemingly insurmountable lead. They continued to pick up momentum, outscoring the Texans 28-0 during the second quarter alone, and eventually reeled off 41 consecutive points before cruising the rest of the way to a 51-31 victory Sunday that propelled Kansas City back to the AFC championship game for the second consecutive season.

In doing so, the Chiefs (13-4) became the first team in NFL history to win a playoff game by at least 20 points after trailing by at least 20. They matched the fourth-biggest comeback in playoff history while winning a postseason game in back-to-back seasons for the first time. Travis Kelce and Damien Williams scored three touchdowns apiece, joining the 49ers' Jerry Rice and Ricky Waters in Super Bowl 29 as the only teammates to score that many times in a postseason game.

Meanwhile, Mahomes led by example as much as by voice. He finished with 321 yards passing, becoming the first player in postseason history with at least 300 yards passing and five touchdowns while running for at least 50 more yards.

"You saw him going up and down the bench, he was talking to everybody, — 'Just settle down,'" Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "As a head coach, you can't ask for more than that. When he's the leader of your team and he's going, 'Hey, we're going to be fine. Let's not wait for the fourth quarter. Let's go!' And he did that."

Now, after losing to the Patriots in overtime in last year's conference title game, the Chiefs are back on the brink of their first Super Bowl appearance in 50 years. They will host Tennessee next Sunday in a rematch from earlier this season after the Titans upset Lamar Jackson and the top-seeded Baltimore Ravens on Saturday night.

"We've already played them and we know they're a tough team," Mahomes said. "They're a team that battles all the way until the end. They're a team that's really hot, playing really good football right now, so we know it's going to take our best effort. And, whatever way, we've got to find a way to win."

Deshaun Watson, meanwhile, threw for 388 yards and two touchdowns while running for another, but not even his heroics could bail out the Texans (11-7) after their calamitous second quarter and dismal third. The result: The reborn Houston franchise is 0-4 in the divisional round and has never won a road playoff game.

"I definitely thought we were going to have to score more than 24," said Texans coach Bill O'Brien, who made a series of debatable calls during the collapse. "I think that they're, obviously, a very explosive team and it just didn't work out."

The Chiefs certainly gave Houston a chance to end their frustrating playoff streak in the first quarter.

On defense, Kansas City blew coverage on Kenny Stills on the opening possession, allowing him to walk into the end zone from 54 yards. On offense, they wasted timeouts, dropped a series of easy passes and managed just 46 yards. And on special teams, the Chiefs had a punt blocked for a score and fumbled a return that set up another touchdown.

Indeed, the Texans kept humming right along after finishing on a 22-3 run to beat Buffalo last week, while the mountain of miscues made by the Chiefs made them only the fourth home playoff team to trail 21-0 after the first quarter.

Things turned around on a series of plays — and a call by O'Brien in particular — that will be debated for a while.

After the Texans stretched the lead to 24-0 early in the second quarter, the Chiefs began to nip into their deficit with a quick touchdown drive. And the comeback really gained momentum when O'Brien called for a fake punt at the Houston 31-yard line and the Chiefs stuffed it, giving them a short field and setting up another easy touchdown.

"We had that play ready for a variety of different teams and situations," said the Texans' Justin Reid, who took the snap and was stopped short of the first down. "Credit to them, they made the play."

Packers hold off Seahawks

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Aaron Rodgers connected with Davante Adams eight times for 160 yards and two touchdowns, Green Bay's spruced-up defense fended off a spirited Seattle rally, and the Packers held on for a 28-23 victory Sunday night to reach the NFC championship game for the third time in six years.

Green Bay 28, Seattle 23

Aaron Jones rushed for 62 yards and two first-half scores for the Packers (14-3), who will travel next weekend to take on top-seeded San Francisco.

Russell Wilson carried the Seahawks (12-6) on yet another comeback, this time from a 21-3 halftime deficit, but the Packers forced a punt just before the two-minute warning on the second sack of the game by Preston Smith.

That was Green Bay's fifth of the game. Za'Darius Smith, the other big-money free agent added to the defense last spring, had two sacks himself.

The Seahawks never got the ball again.

Rodgers sealed the win with two third-down throws: first a 32-yard pass to Adams on third-and-8 with 2:19 left and then 9 yards to Jimmy Graham on third-and-9 right after the two-minute warning to take down a Seahawks team that was 8-1 on the road this season entering the game.

Rodgers exacted some payback for five years ago, when the Packers blew a 16-0 halftime lead in the NFC championship game at Seattle and lost 28-22 in overtime.

The Seahawks haven't been back to the conference title game since, let alone the Super Bowl. Rodgers is running out of time faster than Wilson, though, nine years after his only championship.

The Seahawks had just a plus-seven scoring margin during the regular season, making quite the habit of second-half rallies. Wilson did some of the finest work of his eight-year career in 2019, helping the Seahawks stay on track despite a steady stream of injuries, including the late setbacks in the backfield that prompted the emergency call for Marshawn Lynch.

Racking up 64 yards rushing on seven scrambles and completing 21 of 31 passes for 277 yards, Wilson directed touchdown drives of 69, 84, 79 right out of the gate after halftime. Lynch finished two of them with scores, and Wilson threw to Tyler Lockett for the other one.

Lynch's second touchdown with 9:33 left cut the lead to 28-23, but Jaire Alexander blew up the 2-point conversion attempt with a sack on an unblocked blitz.

The Packers gave the ball back to the Seahawks with a second consecutive punts, this time with 4:54 left at the Seattle 22, but Wilson ran out of tricks in his seemingly bottomless bag of them.

Local sports calendar

By HP STAFF

Youth sports

St. Joseph Lions Club 6th/7th/8th grade basketball tournament: Jan. 25 at St. Joseph High School. Limited to 16 teams. No club, travel or local all-star teams. Cost is $65 if you are providing your own uniform, $145 if you would like the Lions Club to provide you with a designed shirt your players get to keep. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for K-12 for Saturday games. For more information, contact Bret Witkowski at 982-8645 or baeewitkowski@yahoo.com.

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Wings fall to Rodrigues, Sabres

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Evan Rodrigues had no goals in 25 games this season. Zach Bogosian had none in 15.

Those two droughts are over now. Rodrigues scored twice in the first 5:00, and the Buffalo Sabres cruised to a 5-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday. Buffalo led 3-0 after one period.

Buffalo 5, Detroit 1

"It was going to go in eventually, and it was obviously nice to see them go in," Rodrigues said. "Hopefully that continues."

Zemgus Girgensons also scored in the first period for the Sabres, and Bogosian and Rasmus Ristolainen completed the scoring for Buffalo in the third. Linus Ullmark made 21 saves.

Madison Bowey had the only goal for Detroit. Jimmy Howard had 22 stops.

The Red Wings (12-31-3) have by far the worst record in the NHL. They actually came in with a modest two-game winning streak, but Detroit couldn't overcome its poor start in this one.

"I thought in certain areas, we took steps forward in terms of the way we want to play — the way that we have to play to be successful," Red Wings coach Jeff Blashill said. "The puck went in the net, and you look up and it's 5-1."

The Sabres were coming off a 6-3 loss to Vancouver on Saturday.

"We had a pretty serious morning today, and I think that everybody understood the messages that were flowing around and what we needed to do here," Buffalo coach Ralph Krueger said. "We really came out and played with our character, with our personality. That was an excellent start to the game."

Buffalo scored at even strength, on the power play and while short-handed in the first. Rodrigues opened the scoring from the slot at 2:39. He added another goal on the power play when he jammed at the puck from the left doorstep and it popped past Howard's stick and in.

Girgensons scored short-handed after Detroit's Robby Fabbri went sprawling to the ice trying to keep an errant pass inside the blue line. Girgensons skated to the loose puck and went the other way on a breakaway.

"You never ever ever leave your feet as the top guy there," Blashill said. "Unfortunately he did, and it's a breakaway."

Bowey beat Ullmark with a wrist shot from the top of the right circle in the second period.

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HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

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BOYS BASKETBALL

BRANDYWINE 67, COLOMA 53

COLOMA (53)
Jake Ickes 2 1-2 6, Drew Goodline 4 4-4 14, Karon Smith 1 0-0 3, Stacey Branscumb 2 1-2 5, Michael Dancer 4 0-2 10, Isaiah Reinhardt 0 3-4 3, Shawn Dryer 6 0-1 12. Totals: 19 9-15 53.
BRANDYWINE (67)
Jaelen Briggs 8 2-4 19, Shane Brown 1 0-0 2, Caleb Byrd 0 4-6 6, Gabe Gouin 0 1-2 1, Tim Walker 1 0-0 2, Carson Knapp 1 0-0 3, Brock Prenkert 2 0-0 4, Jordan Abrams 3 0-0 7, Kendall Chrismon 9 7-8 25. Totals: 25 14-20 67.

Coloma	**24**	**9**	**2**	**18**	**— 53**
Brandywine	**16**	**10**	**18**	**23**	**— 67**

3-point goals — Coloma 6 (Goodline 2, Dancer 2, Ickes, Smith), Brandywine 3 (Briggs, Knapp, Abrams). Total fouls — Coloma 17, Brandywine 17. Fouled out — Byrd (B). Technical fouls — none.
Records — Coloma 4-3, Brandywine 6-0.

WRESTLING

JIM DEWLAND CLASSIC

Team scores — 1. Clinton 266, 2. Mason 208, 3. Lakeshore 204, 4. Parma Western 126, 5. Hartland 122, 6. (tie) Charlotte 103, Saline 103, 8. Union City 90, 9. Otsego 82, 10. Springport 76, 11. Olivet 55, 12. Cassopolis 54, 13. Ann Arbor Skyline 48, 14. (tie) Athens 47, Quincy 47, 16. Jackson Lumen Christi 46.
Lakeshore placers — 1st: Micah Hanau 135, ShaneWilliams 140. 2nd: Cameron Litaker 112, Aaron Lucio 119, Zeke Rohl 215. 4th: Jonathan Gelesko 125. 5th: James Harris 145, Case Rohl 160, Tafara Rukunda 171. 6th: Keanu Dickerson 130.

BUCHANAN SUPER DUALS

Records — Niles 5-0.
Match scores — Niles 54, Buchanan 23; Niles 66, Eau Claire 15; Niles 57, Martin 21; Niles 72, Benton Harbor 12; Niles 66, River Valley 17.
Niles unbeaten wrestlers — Conner Pickens (112/119) 4-0, James Pegan (119/125) 5-0, Taden Livingston (135) 4-0, Ezra Vance (145) 5-0, Brayden Zimmerman (215) 4-0.

BOWLING

BATTLE OF THE BAKER TOURNAMENT

Championship — Jonesville d. Coloma 152-134, 217-148.
Semifinals — Coloma d. Bronson 174-133, 177-133.
Qualifying — Coloma first with 1,953 over 12 games. Average of 162.75.

NFL

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
San Francisco 27, Minnesota 10
Tennessee 28, Baltimore 12
Sunday, Jan. 12
Kansas City 51, Houston 31
Green Bay 28, Seattle 23
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
Tennessee at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
NFC champion vs. AFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

49ERS 27, VIKINGS 10

Minnesota	**7**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**— 10**
San Francisco	**7**	**7**	**10**	**3**	**— 27**

First Quarter
SF-Bourne 3 pass from Garoppolo (Gould kick), 9:30.
Min-Diggs 41 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 5:23.
Second Quarter
SF-Coleman 1 run (Gould kick), 7:10.
Min-FG Bailey 39, :31.
Third Quarter
SF-FG Gould 35, 10:42.
SF-Coleman 2 run (Gould kick), 4:54.
Fourth QuarterSF-FG Gould 21, 14:13.
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	Min	SF
First downs	7	21
Total Net Yards	147	308
Rushes-yards	10-21	47-186
Passing	126	122
Punt Returns	2-0	3-23
Kickoff Returns	5-148	1-22
Interceptions Ret.	1-4	1-13
Comp-Att-Int	21-29-1	11-19-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-46	2-9
Punts	6-48.3	4-46.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	1-15	5-38
Time of Possession	21:33	38:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING-Minnesota, Cook 9-18, Mattison 1-3. San Francisco, Coleman 22-105, Mostert 12-58, Breida 8-17, Samuel 1-6, Garoppolo 4-0.
PASSING-Minnesota, Cousins 21-29-1-172. San Francisco, Garoppolo 11-19-1-131.
RECEIVING-Minnesota, Cook 6-8, Thielen 5-50, I.Smith 3-39, Diggs 2-57, Rudolph 2-4, Abdullah 1-7, Conklin 1-5, Bradbury 1-2. San Francisco, Samuel 3-42, Bourne 3-40, Kittle 3-16, Sanders 2-33.
MISSED FIELD GOALS-None.

TITANS 28, RAVENS 12

Tennessee	**7**	**7**	**14**	**0**	**— 28**
Baltimore	**0**	**6**	**0**	**6**	**— 12**

First Quarter
Ten-Jo.Smith 12 pass from Tannehill (Joseph kick), 3:36.
Second Quarter
Ten-Raymond 45 pass from Tannehill (Joseph kick), 14:45.
Bal-FG Tucker 49, 5:52.
Bal-FG Tucker 22, :00.
Third Quarter
Ten-C.Davis 3 pass from Henry (Joseph kick), 6:54.
Ten-Tannehill 1 run (Joseph kick), 4:16.
Fourth Quarter
Bal-H.Hurst 15 pass from L.Jackson (pass failed), 11:04.
A-71,254.

	Ten	Bal
First downs	15	29
Total Net Yards	300	530
Rushes-yards	37-217	29-185
Passing	83	345
Punt Returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-27	3-71
Interceptions Ret.	2-34	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	8-15-0	31-59-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	4-20
Punts	6-52.5	1-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-20	7-56
Time of Possession	27:54	32:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING-Tennessee, Henry 30-195, Tannehill 6-13, A.Brown 1-9. Baltimore, Jackson 20-143, Ingram 6-22, Edwards 3-20.
PASSING-Tennessee, Tannehill 7-14-0-88, Henry 1-1-0-3. Baltimore, Jackson 31-59-2-365.
RECEIVING-Tennessee, J.Smith 2-12, Henry 2-7, Raymond 1-45, Pruitt 1-15, A.Brown 1-9, C.Davis 1-3. Baltimore, M.Brown 7-126, Snead 6-56, H.Hurst 4-53, Andrews 4-39, Hill 4-26, Boykin 3-26, Roberts 2-30, Ingram 1-9.
MISSED FIELD GOALS-None.

CHIEFS 51, TEXANS 31

Houston	**21**	**3**	**7**	**0**	**— 31**
Kansas City	**0**	**28**	**13**	**10**	**— 51**

First Quarter
Hou-Stills 54 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 11:59.
Hou-L.Johnson 10 blocked punt return (Fairbairn kick), 10:06.
Hou-Fells 4 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 1:21.
Second Quarter
Hou-FG Fairbairn 31, 10:54.
KC-D.Williams 17 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 9:55.
KC-Kelce 5 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 8:05.
KC-Kelce 6 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 6:31.
KC-Kelce 5 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), :44.
Third Quarter
KC-D.Williams 1 run (kick failed), 11:24.
KC-D.Williams 5 run (Butker kick), 4:39.
Hou-Watson 5 run (Fairbairn kick), :24.
Fourth Quarter
KC-Bell 8 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 13:52.
KC-FG Butker 24, 8:06.
A-73,503.

	Hou	KC
First downs	23	29
Total Net Yards	442	434
Rushes-yards	21-94	21-118
Passing	348	316
Punt Returns	1-11	2-1
Kickoff Returns	3-51	6-142
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	31-52-0	23-35-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-40	1-5
Punts	3-45.7	4-30.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-87	4-37
Time of Possession	34:35	25:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING-Houston, Hyde 13-44, Watson 6-37, D.Johnson 1-11, Reid 1-2. Kansas City, Mahomes 7-53, D.Williams 12-47, Watkins 1-14, Hill 1-4.
PASSING-Houston, Watson 31-52-0-388. Kansas City, Mahomes 23-35-0-321.
RECEIVING-Houston, Hopkins 9-118, Fuller 5-89, D.Johnson 5-23, Stills 3-80, Fells 3-22, Hyde 3-18, Carter 1-17, Jones 1-14, Thomas 1-7. Kansas City, Kelce 10-134, Hill 3-41, Watkins 2-76, D.Williams 2-21, Hardman 2-19, Bell 2-15, Yelder 1-11, Robinson 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS-Houston, Fairbairn 51.

PACKERS 28, SEAHAWKS 23

Seattle	**3**	**0**	**14**	**6**	**— 23**
Green Bay	**7**	**14**	**7**	**0**	**— 28**

First Quarter
GB-D.Adams 20 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 10:37.
Sea-FG Myers 45, :28.
Second Quarter
GB-A.Jones 1 run (Crosby kick), 9:49.
GB-A.Jones 1 run (Crosby kick), 1:30.
Third Quarter
Sea-Lynch 1 run (Myers kick), 9:44.
GB-D.Adams 40 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 7:09.
Sea-Lockett 7 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), :39.
Fourth Quarter
Sea-Lynch 1 run (pass failed), 9:33.
A-78,998.

	Sea	GB
First downs	23	22
Total Net Yards	375	344
Rushes-yards	24-110	30-109
Passing	265	235
Punt Returns	1-10	1-6
Kickoff Returns	5-97	2-22
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-31-0	16-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-12	2-8
Punts	3-53.7	4-43.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-47	4-30
Time of Possession	30:31	29:29

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING-Seattle, Wilson 7-64, Lynch 12-26, Homer 3-13, Moore 1-6, Willson 1-1. Green Bay, Jones 21-62, Ervin 2-25, Rodgers 5-14, Lazard 1-5, J.Williams 1-3.
PASSING-Seattle, Wilson 21-31-0-277. Green Bay, Rodgers 16-27-0-243.
RECEIVING-Seattle, Lockett 9-136, Hollister 5-47, Metcalf 4-59, Homer 2-27, Willson 1-8. Green Bay, D.Adams 8-160, Graham 3-49, Allison 1-11, J.Williams 1-9, Valdes-Scantling 1-8, Jones 1-4, Sternberger 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS-Seattle, Myers 50.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

PURDUE 71, MICHIGAN ST. 42

MICHIGAN ST. (13-4)
Tillman 4-10 0-0 8, Winston 4-13 2-2 10, Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Henry 1-6 0-0 3, Watts 4-6 2-2 10, Bingham 1-3 0-1 2, Kithier 1-1 0-0 2, Hall 1-3 0-0 3, Loyer 0-0 0-0 0, Marble 1-2 0-1 2, Ahrens 0-0 0-0 0, George 0-1 0-0 0, Hoiberg 0-2 0-0 0, Washington 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-51 4-6 42.
PURDUE (10-7)
Hunter 3-7 2-2 10, Eastern 4-5 1-3 9, Stefanovic 4-8 0-0 10, Williams 7-14 2-6 16, Boudreaux 3-7 2-2 11, Thompson 1-3 0-0 3, Wheeler 0-4 3-3 3, Proctor 1-2 1-2 3, Haarms 3-5 0-0 6, Dowuona 0-2 0-0 0, Frost 0-0 0-0 0, Luce 0-0 0-0 0, Wulbrun 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-57 11-18 71.
Halftime-Purdue 37-20. 3-Point Goals-Michigan St. 2-16 (Hall 1-1, Henry 1-2, Watts 0-1, Bingham 0-2, Tillman 0-2, Brown 0-3, Winston 0-5), Purdue 8-22 (Boudreaux 3-5, Hunter 2-4, Stefanovic 2-6, Thompson 1-2, Proctor 0-1, Wheeler 0-4). Rebounds-Michigan St. 30 (Tillman 8), Purdue 32 (Eastern, Williams 7). Assists-Michigan St. 7 (Winston 5), Purdue 16 (Stefanovic, Williams 4). Total Fouls-Michigan St. 17, Purdue 15. A-14,804 (14,846).

MINNESOTA 76, MICHIGAN 67

MICHIGAN (11-5)
Simpson 9-17 0-0 19, Wagner 6-14 1-2 17, Brooks 4-12 0-0 9, Teske 3-8 2-2 9, Johns 1-2 2-2 5, DeJulius 2-6 0-0 6, Castleton 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 1-2 0-0 2, Nunez 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-62 5-6 67.
MINNESOTA (9-7)
Carr 7-13 6-8 21, Kalscheur 1-6 1-2 4, Oturu 13-18 3-7 30, Demir 4-6 5-6 13, Willis 1-5 0-2 3, Williams 1-2 0-2 2, Omersa 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 28-51 15-27 75.
Halftime-Michigan 31-30. 3-Point Goals-Michigan 10-28 (Wagner 4-9, DeJulius 2-4, Johns 1-2, Teske 1-2, Simpson 1-4, Brooks 1-7), Minnesota 4-16 (Oturu 1-2, Carr 1-3, Willis 1-4, Kalscheur 1-5, Demir 0-1, Williams 0-1). Rebounds-Michigan 26 (Simpson 6), Minnesota 33 (Oturu 7). Assists-Michigan 14 (Simpson 9), Minnesota 16 (Carr 12). Total Fouls-Michigan 19, Minnesota 7. A-10,453 (14,625).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	26	11	.703	—
Toronto	25	13	.658	1½
Philadelphia	25	15	.625	2½
Brooklyn	18	20	.474	8½
New York	11	29	.275	16½
Southeast Division				
Miami	27	12	.692	—
Orlando	18	21	.462	9
Charlotte	15	26	.366	13
Washington	13	26	.333	14
Atlanta	8	32	.200	19½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	35	6	.854	—
Indiana	24	15	.615	10
Chicago	14	26	.350	20½
Detroit	14	26	.350	20½
Cleveland	12	27	.308	22
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	26	12	.684	—
Dallas	24	15	.615	2½
Memphis	18	22	.450	9
San Antonio	16	21	.432	9½
New Orleans	14	26	.350	13
Northwest Division				
Utah	27	12	.692	—
Denver	26	12	.684	½
Oklahoma City	22	17	.564	5
Portland	16	24	.400	11½
Minnesota	15	23	.395	11½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	32	7	.821	—
L.A. Clippers	27	12	.692	5
Phoenix	15	23	.395	16½
Sacramento	15	24	.385	17
Golden State	9	32	.220	24

Saturday's Games
Houston 139, Minnesota 109
Chicago 108, Detroit 99
Boston 140, New Orleans 105
L.A. Lakers 125, Oklahoma City 110
Dallas 109, Philadelphia 91
Cleveland 111, Denver 103
Milwaukee 122, Portland 101
Sunday's Games
New York 124, Miami 121
Utah 127, Washington 116
Brooklyn 108, Atlanta 86
Memphis 122, Golden State 102
San Antonio 105, Toronto 104
Charlotte at Phoenix
L.A. Clippers at Denver
Today's Games
New Orleans at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

Saturday's Games
Vancouver 6, Buffalo 3
Carolina 2, Los Angeles 0
Boston 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
Montreal 2, Ottawa 1, OT
Tampa Bay 1, Philadelphia 0
New Jersey 5, Washington 1
St. Louis 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Chicago 4, Anaheim 2
Calgary 4, Edmonton 3
Columbus 3, Vegas 0
San Jose 2, Dallas 1
Sunday's Games
Nashville 1, Winnipeg 0
Vancouver 4, Minnesota 1
Buffalo 5, Detroit 1
Pittsburgh 4, Arizona 3, SO
Toronto at Florida
New Jersey 3, Tampa Bay 1
Today's Games
Calgary at Montreal, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

SABRES 5, RED WINGS 1

Buffalo	**3**	**0**	**2**	**—**	**5**
Detroit	**0**	**1**	**0**	**—**	**1**

First Period-1, Buffalo, Rodrigues 1 (Sheary, Lazar), 2:39. 2, Buffalo, Rodrigues 2 (Montour, Jokiharju), 5:00 (pp). 3, Buffalo, Girgensons 8, 12:43 (sh). Penalties-Green, Det (Slashing), 3:25; Bogosian, Buf (Boarding), 12:08; Bowey, Det (Delay of Game), 16:56; Filppula, Det (Tripping), 19:54.
Second Period-4, Detroit, Bowey 3 (Larkin, Fabbri), 11:56. Penalties-Montour, Buf (Cross Checking), 2:35; Bogosian, Buf (Delay of Game), 14:05.
Third Period-5, Buffalo, Bogosian 1 (Frolik, Lazar), 2:35. 6, Buffalo, Ristolainen 5 (Dahlin, Eichel), 3:40 (pp). Penalties-Green, Det (Tripping), 3:16.
Shots on Goal-Buffalo 12-3-12-27. Detroit 6-11-5-22.
Power-play opportunities-Buffalo 2 of 4; Detroit 0 of 3.
Goalies-Buffalo, Ullmark 14-12-3 (22 shots-21 saves). Detroit, Howard 2-15-1 (27-22).
A-18,312 (20,000). T-2:26.
Referees-Mitch Dunning, Jean Hebert. Linesmen-Andrew Smith, James Tobias.

RAVENS

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performance.

It was Super Bowl or bust this time around, and Baltimore sure looked capable of making that happen. Jackson and the Ravens were virtually unstoppable over the final three months, slapping aside some of the best teams in the league with surprising ease.

And then, this.

Jackson is 19-3 as as starter during the regular season and 0 and 2 in the playoffs. Now he's got to live with that for a year.

"I know how he's going to respond," coach John Harbaugh said. "He's going to respond by being extremely motivated and determined to improve as a football player. The strides he made between last year and this year are pretty indicative of that."

That's what made this game so darn surprising.

The Ravens were 8 for 8 on fourth-and-1 situations this year. Jackson went 0 for 2 in this one, getting stuffed at the line of scrimmage on each occasion. Both times, the Titans went the other way for touchdowns.

"I hate losing. I really do," Jackson said. "We've just go to try hard next time around and convert it."

Jackson's 50th pass of the night, on fourth down in Tennessee territory with just over 4 minutes left, hit the ground with a thud — just like Baltimore's season.

Jackson finished 31 for 59, the Ravens made 29 first downs and racked up 530 yards. The main number, however, was 12 — the number of points Baltimore scored in its lowest output of the year.

Jackson doesn't deserve all the blame for the collapse. Heck, the Ravens twice were penalized on punt returns without even getting their hands on the ball. And another All-Pro selection, Marcus Peters, was burned badly by Kalif Raymond on a 45-yard touchdown pass immediately after Jackson failed to gain the yards necessary to maintain possession.

As the Ravens entered their bye week, veteran guard Marshal Yanda spoke prophetically about the relevance of Baltimore's magical season in relation to the playoffs.

"It only takes turning the ball over one or two times, a penalty here and a penalty there. All it takes is one loss and we're done," Yanda said. "That 14-2 stuff does not matter."

TITLE

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lost twice to Nick Saban's Crimson Tide in the playoff, including in the 2015 final.

In those previous Sunday-before-the-final news conferences, it was often Swinney — who grew up in Alabama and played on the Tide's 1992 title team — being asked to put Saban's unprecedented tenure in Tuscaloosa into perspective.

Fast forward to Sunday and it's Clemson that has put itself in position to match one of Alabama's greatest accomplishments. The Crimson Tide was the last team to win three championships in four seasons, winning BCS titles in 2009, '11 and '12. The Tide has won five championships in 13 seasons under Saban.

Nebraska, under coach Tom Osborne, won national titles in 1994-95 and then shared the championship in 1997 with Michigan after being voted No. 1 in the final coaches poll.

Notre Dame won three in four seasons in 1946-47 and '49, being crowned the champs by the AP each time.

A case cab be made that what Clemson is trying to do would top them all.

The playoff makes teams go through two quality opponents to earn a championship. The Tigers were the first major college football team in the modern era to go 15-0 last year and will have to do it again to repeat, beating two undefeated opponents in Ohio State and LSU along the way.

A victory Monday night in front of what will unquestionably be a partisan crowd in LSU's backyard will make Clemson the seventh major college program since 1950 to win at least 30 straight games.

The last team to win back-to-back national titles with a perfect record was Nebraska in the mid-90s. Those Cornhuskers played a total of 25 games.

Swinney has often complained this season that his team hasn't received the respect it deserved while running roughshod through the Atlantic Coast Conference. Clemson was the first AP preseason No. 1 to end the season No. 3 despite not losing a game since it happened to Alabama in 1966.

Swinney turned perceived slights into fuel for his team. Clemson is a verified college football superpower, but the Tigers remain upstarts, still with something to prove in their minds.

"Ever since I've been at Clemson that's how it's been," All-America linebacker Isaiah Simmons said. "We always get the, 'We don't play anybody,' this and that.

"We're like the redheaded stepchild in other groups."

So Clemson is embracing that narrative entering this championship game as underdogs again. LSU is about a six-point favorite behind Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow and a record-breaking offense.

The senior who transferred from Ohio State in 2018 is on pace to break the FBS record for completion percentage at 77.6. He has thrown for 5,208 yards and 55 touchdowns. Burrow can become the first Heisman winner to win the national title since Alabama's Derrick Henry helped the Tide beat Clemson in the 2015 title game, and the first Heisman winning quarterback to win it all since Florida State's Jameis Winston in 2013.

Burrow is the odds-on favorite to be the first player selected in the next NFL draft. The quarterback on the other side, Trevor Lawrence, is already the frontrunner to be No. 1 overall in 2021.

The sophomore has yet to play in a losing game in college and Clemson is 25-0 when he starts.

"A winner, very quick release, very well-coached, outstanding feet, knows where to go with the ball, can run," Orgeron said, rattling off what makes Lawrence so good.

No matter what happens Monday night, Clemson will begin next season as one of the favorites to win the national title.

SPARTANS

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consistent enough."

BIG PICTURE

Michigan State: Clearly, the Spartans are better than they demonstrated Sunday. They were completely out of sync against Purdue's defense. They were beaten physically and were careless with the ball. The real danger is it could become a guide for how other opponents can beat Michigan State.

Purdue: The Boilermakers' usually strong defense might have been at its best against the Spartans. It's actually tough to imagine them performing much better.

But, offensively, they may have found a solution to their woes by divvying up the scoring chores.

Time will tell whether Painter has a fix — or whether it was merely an aberration.

STAT PACK

Michigan State: Committed seven turnovers before forcing the first by the Boilermakers. ... The Spartans missed their first 10 3s and finished 2 of 16. ... The Spartans have lost four straight in West Lafayette. ... Rocket Watts had 10 points. Xavier Tillman finished with eight points and eight rebounds.

Purdue: Williams also had seven rebounds and four assists. ... Evan Boudreaux had 11 points and five rebounds while Sasha Stefanovic and Eric Hunter Jr. each finished with 10 points. ... Purdue had a 21-8 advantage in points off turnovers. ... The Boilermakers broke a tie for the second-longest home winning streak against conference opponents in Mackey Arena history. They won 19 straight between January 1968 and February 1970. ... The Boilermakers have won five of their last six home games against top-10 foes.

QUOTABLE

Michigan State: "I laugh every day with my staff about how everybody wants to be the head coach," Izzo said. "It ain't as much fun as you think it is. Hell, I don't want to be the head coach today."

Purdue: "Collectively, we had to build a wall (around Winston)," guard Nojel Eastern said. "We know the type of player he is, we know what he's capable of and we had to have a team effort while still playing by our principles."

UP NEXT

The Spartans will try to rebound at home Friday against Wisconsin.

Purdue faces another daunting challenge Saturday, at No. 12 Maryland.

WOLVERINES

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thing."

Zavier Simpson had 19 points and nine assists for Michigan (11-5, 2-3). Franz Wagner made four 3-pointers and scored 17 points for the Wolverines, who led by 11 early but gave up big runs to Minnesota at the end of each half.

"We started off good and had great energy, and then kind of lost that," Wagner said. "The game is not won in 10 minutes, not won in the last 3 minutes. It's won the whole game. You've got to play solid all 40 minutes."

Marcus Carr had 21 points and 12 assists for Minnesota (9-7, 3-3 Big Ten), which knocked off No. 3 Ohio State at home on Dec. 15.

Alihan Demir scored 13 points and helped shore up Minnesota's inside game when Oturu was out. Demir and Carr played key roles down the stretch as the Gophers pulled away after a back-and-forth second half.

Eli Brooks hit a 3-pointer with 3:20 to play to put Michigan ahead 65-64. But Oturu answered on the other end with a basket in the low post to give Minnesota the lead for good with 3 minutes left.

Michigan only had eight turnovers on the day, but two came at the worst possible time. After Minnesota regained the lead, the Wolverines turned it over on their next two possessions. The Gophers made them pay with a bucket in the paint by Demir and two free throws by Carr.

Then, after Jon Teske's short hook rolled out, Oturu grabbed the rebound and the Gophers got a corner 3-pointer from Payton Willis to take a 73-65 lead with 1:02 to play.

"Unfortunately, we didn't get a chance to capitalize on any of our offensive sets toward down the stretch," Wolverines coach Juwan Howard said.

Michigan took an early lead and was in control for much of the first half. A 3-pointer by Teske gave the Wolverines their biggest lead at 30-19 with 5 minutes to play in the half.

But the Gophers closed on an 11-1 run that was bookended by two baskets from Carr, the latter coming with 29 seconds to play. Minnesota's defense then forced a miss on a desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer as Michigan took a 31-30 lead to the locker room.

"I loved the defense," Minnesota coach Richard Pitino said. "Towards the end when we needed to get a stop, I thought we communicated well and we blocked out. … That's a very good offensive team and we held them to 65 points."

Carr was 2-for-7 shooting in the first half, but he came to life after the break. After hitting two free throws and a driving layup, he made a 3-pointer and then fed Oturu for an alley-oop dunk to put the Gophers up 45-41.

Oturu was injured shortly thereafter.

"He came back and gave his team a big lift in the second half with his energy," Howard said. "The crowd got really into it. The kid is special. He's not only done it to us, but he's been playing very well throughout the season thus far."

POINT GUARD BATTLE

The game featured two of the top point guards in the Big Ten, and they both took care of the ball while making big contributions on offense. Simpson played all 40 minutes and had two turnovers, while Carr also played 40 minutes without a turnover.

BIG PICTURE

Michigan: The Wolverines lived and died from beyond the arc. They made five of their first six 3-pointers before cooling off, finishing 10 for 28 from long range.

Minnesota: The Gophers struggled to find offense from anyone other than Oturu in the first half. Through the first 15 minutes, Oturu had scored 16 of Minnesota's 19 points. He finished the first half 9 for 12 from the floor, while his teammates went 4 for 16.

UP NEXT

Michigan: Two of the top three offenses in the Big Ten will square off on Friday when the Wolverines travel to Iowa. It'll be a rematch of the conference opener, which Michigan won 103-91.

Minnesota: The Gophers will look for their sixth straight home win when they host Penn State on Wednesday.

Prime Time TV

MONDAY EVENING JAN. 13

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor Peter and Hannah continue to talk. (N) CC				The Good Doctor "Fractured" (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Neighbor-hood		All Rise "Dripsy" Lola fires a lawyer.		Bull Bull prepares for fatherhood. CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Holly-wood	America's Got Talent Champions from around the world compete. (N) CC				:01 Manifest "Ground-ed" (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	9-1-1 "Fallout" CC (DVS)		:01 Prodigal Son "Silent Night"		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Antiques Road	Antiques Roadshow (N) CC		Frontline The political environment in the U.S. (N) (Part 1 of 2) CC			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The Flash CC		Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Virtual Reality"		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Conven-tions" CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	The Flash CC		Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Virtual Reality"		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 45	:00 Heart-land	Heartland "Leap of Faith" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven "The Hero" CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 01.13.20" (N) CC			
AMC	Catching Fire	★★ Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ('09, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel. CC					
Animal	Ice Lake	Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaskan Bush	
BET	:00 ★★ Soul Plane ('04)			:03 ★★ White Chicks ('04) CC			
Big Ten	Dance	Passion		The B1G Story CC		The B1G Story CC	
Bravo	:00 Below Deck	Below Deck "Never Before Scene 714"		Below Deck "Public Displays of Affection"		Below Deck "Public Displays of Affection"	
Cartoon	Gumball	American	American	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	Little-Hor-rors	★★ The Big Year ('11) Steve Martin, Jack Black. CC			:40 ★★ A Good Year ('06) Russell Crowe. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man
CNBC	Greed	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	:00 Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws "Fastest in America: Meet the Teams" (N) CC					
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Maine	Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	Botched	Botched CC		Botched CC		Frasers	Frasers
ESPN	Pregame	CFP National Championship Clemson vs LSU. (N) (L)					
ESPN2	Football	Field Pass: CFP National Championship Game (N) (L) CC					
ESPNC	Basket	Sounds of the Game: CFP National Championship Game (N)					
Food	Chopped	Kids Baking		Kids Baking		Challenge (N) CC	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Pelicans at Pistons				Pistons Live (N)		Spotlight
Freefrm	The Flint-stones	★★★ Hook ('91) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams. Lawyer turns into Peter Pan to save kids from Captain Hook. CC					
FX	5:30 Deadpool	★★ Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17) Colin Firth. British spies join forces with their American counterparts. CC					
Golf	PGA Korn Ferry Tour			PGA Golf			
Hallmark	Sweetest Heart	The Birthday Wish ('17, Romance) Jessy Schram, Luke Macfarlane. CC				Winter's Dream ('18) Dean Cain. CC	
HBO	6:45 ★★ Fast Five ('11) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. CC			The New Pope "First Episode" CC		:05 The New Pope "First Episode"	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		American Pick.		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Love-List	Love It or List It		Love It or List It (N)		:02 Love It or List It	
Learning	Say Yes	90 Day Fiance: Watch Party (N)				90 Day Fiancé	
Lifetime	House Bunny	★★ 50 First Dates ('04) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Rob Schneider. CC				:03 ★ The Ugly Truth ('09) CC	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics. (N)					Postgame	Bulls
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football AFC or NFC Divisional Round: Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	Loud	Henry	Casagran	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Running	Running Wild		Ramsay: Uncharted		Ramsay: Uncharted	
Oxygen	:00 NCIS	NCIS Ducky and Bishop go to London.		NCIS A research scien-tist is murdered.		NCIS "The San Domi-nick" CC (DVS)	
Parmt	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops (N)	Cops
Showtime	The L Word	Shameless Now Leaving Illinois"		On Becoming a God in Central Florida		The L Word: Genera-tion Q "Loose Ends"	
Starz	5:52 ★★ XXX	7:59 Power "He Always Wins" CC		★ Miss Bala ('19, Action) Gina Rodriguez, Ismael Cruz Córdova. CC			
STZENC	:01 ★★★ Out of the Furnace ('13) Christian Bale. CC			★★ Superfly ('18, Suspense) Trevor Jackson, Jason Mitchell. CC			
SyFy	★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09) Daniel Radcliffe. New dangers lurk for Harry, Dumbledore and their friends. CC (DVS)						
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	American Dad
TCM	The Boy Friend	★★★★ The Search ('48, Drama) Montgomery Clift, Ivan Jandl. CC				★★★ The Diary of Anne Frank	
TMC	6:30 Hell Fest	★ Winchester ('18) Helen Mirren, Jason Clarke. CC			:45 Wildling ('18, Horror) Liv Tyler, Brad Dourif. CC		
TNT	Wonder	★★ Suicide Squad ('16) Will Smith. CC (DVS)					Suicide
Travel	Unknown	Unexplained: Caught on Camera CC				Bey.- Unknown	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	King	King
USA	:00 Chica-go P.D.	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (L) CC					
VH1	Hip Hop	Love & Hip Hop (N)		Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

Holistic practices can make big differences

Hello, dear readers! We hope this new year is finding you happy and healthy, and that the expectations of the holiday season didn't take their toll. Whether it's a moment of meditation, a quiet cup of tea, or a romp with the family dog, always remember to take some time for yourselves. And now, onward to your letters.

■ In response to a column about an inflammatory condition known as polymyalgia rheumatica, or PMR, several of you wondered if changes to diet may be helpful. This condition causes pain and stiffness in the muscles and joints, most often in the neck and shoulders, but also the hips, thighs and lower back. Treatment includes corticosteroids, such as such as prednisone, and pain meds, such as ibuprofen and aspirin.

Research shows that lifestyle changes, including a diet to lower inflammation, can also help ease symptoms. One of the goals in this type of eating is to stabilize insulin levels. That translates to a diet low in added sugars and simple carbohydrates and rich in a variety of colorful, nonstarchy vegetables. Steer clear of alcohol, processed foods, fried foods and processed meats. Harness the anti-inflammatory properties of omega-3 fatty acids with fish such as mackerel, sardines and salmon, and flax seeds, chia seeds and leafy greens.

The good news is that this condition is usually temporary. Most people see relief in about a year, although in some cases, it can take longer to resolve.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

■ We heard from several of you regarding the column about frozen shoulder. This is a condition in which pain and stiffness in the shoulder joint gradually makes movement difficult or even impossible.

One reader found relief after seeing a chiropractor. "I had one session, and it fixed my frozen shoulder for good," she wrote. "That was eight years ago, and my shoulder is still fine. Really works!"

Another reader, whose doctor proposed a surgical fix, sought acupuncture instead. "After one treatment, I could lift (my arm) straight up as high as ever with no pain," he wrote. "It would save a lot of people a lot of pain if everyone knew about acupuncture."

■ A recent column in which we discussed the benefits of breathing through the nose rather than the mouth prompted this question from a reader: "What about people who sleep with their mouths wide open?" she asked. "They don't have any control over how they are breathing." Many people breathe through their mouths at night due to mild sinus blockage. Blowing one's nose before bed, using a neti pot or saline nasal spray, adjusting sleep position, elevating the head, and using over-the-counter nasal or mouth strips can each be helpful. In some cases, mouth breathing can be a symptom of obstructive sleep apnea. This is a serious sleep disorder, and it requires medical care.

As always, thank you for your letters. We're so glad you enjoy the column and find it useful. We love that you keep our mailboxes – both snail mail and email – full, and we look forward to hearing from you next month.

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After a divorce, friends choose sides

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: We have a close circle of friends, mostly couples. One couple divorced suddenly and nastily about two years ago – I never liked "Kelly" much so we were happy to keep "Jack" in the divorce.

Most of the other couples in the group also ended up keeping Jack and distancing themselves from Kelly, due in part to who they were closer to, and in part due to where most of the nastiness in the divorce was coming from.

We'll be attending a baby shower at the end of the month for another couple in our group. The mom-to-be is one of the few who remains close with Kelly, so Kelly is sure to be there. We don't know if Jack was invited or not. Other couples will attend as well.

I'm hoping to pretty much keep my distance from Kelly and occupy myself with seeing other friends. But if we do cross paths, I don't feel like being friendlier to her than I need to be to keep the baby shower stress-free.

What are your thoughts on how to walk that line? – Running Into a Friend's Ex

DEAR RUNNING: I think you're probably overthinking it. It's a party, so you need to be a good guest, which means polite and kind to all and no scenes with anyone.

That's your Kelly script. Polite. Civil. Party face. As you would dispose yourself toward anyone.

Carolyn Hax

For what it's worth, and not to defend Kelly or defend nastiness of any kind in any context: Being in the wrong situation and/or with the wrong person can bring out nastiness in people they wouldn't necessarily express otherwise.

I mention this as a back-pocket thought you can keep handy for when you run across current and future Kellys and need justification for remaining courteous. It's possible what you witnessed was her cracking under the pressure of an unhappy marriage; it's possible she hated herself for it; it's possible she's in a better, kinder, more self-aware place now; and therefore it's possible that the righteous shunning you would rather lay down when you see her again would actually be misplaced.

This is difficult to pull off and may seem like a wasted effort on someone who, chances are, doesn't deserve it. But some of the best things happen when you bring an open mind to a new situation, and I hope Kelly's possible personal growth is justification enough for your mind to open. Speaking of overthinking.

Reader thoughts:

■ This was two years ago, right? Be pleasant to Kelly at the shower. Jack and Kelly's divorce wasn't your business two years ago and it's not your business now.

■ Honestly, you're going to run into these situations more often than you'd like as you get older and life happens. She's an old acquaintance. Say hi. Ask what's new. Go get a drink.

■ You handle it like a grown up. Stop being a mean girl – Kelly is an actual person with feelings. No one says you have to be best friends with her, but (1) You may not have gotten the entire story about their divorce and (2) It never hurts to be blandly pleasant/kind to someone. Not a fan of the "we got them in the divorce" mentality anyway.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Bring up
5 Droop
8 You, way back when
12 Singer — Guthrie
13 Internists' org.
14 Lubricates
15 Leaning Tower site
16 Merriest
18 Alaska bear
20 "Hawkeye" Pierce
21 Stir-fry pan
22 Casual farewell
23 Nile city
26 Cheekier
29 Linger
30 Napoleon exile site
31 Meadow
33 Wrinkle-nosed dog
34 Southwest art colony
35 Actor — Baldwin
36 Surmise
38 "— Street Blues"
39 Volcanic dust
40 Links goal
41 River edge
43 South Seas wear
46 Suburban event (2 wds.)
48 Ego
50 Tony relative
51 Region of India
52 Hydrox rival
53 Just around the corner
54 Have
55 Like one Ranger

DOWN
1 Sharp knock
2 Composer — Satie
3 Too
4 Vehicular route
5 He'll sell you a vowel
6 Running wild
7 Cowpoke's sweetie
8 Slaved away
9 Got a move on
10 Maxwell or Lanchester
11 Fla. hours
17 Derek & The Dominos tune
19 Ca++ or Na+
22 Cuts short
23 Rattle-snake kin
24 Cuff link
25 Hourly pay
26 Dab with a tissue
27 Raines or Fitzgerald
28 Rod's companion
30 Apiece
32 Expert
34 Elephant teeth
35 Spray can
37 Temper
38 Saloon
40 Hymn of praise
41 Legendary ox
42 Diva's tune
43 Like a tortoise
44 Fiddling despot
45 Small valley
46 Over there
47 Back when
49 Catwoman, to Batman

Answer to Previous Puzzle

T	A	P			O	P	T			R	E	B
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N	B	C		L	A	T	T	E		A	M	T
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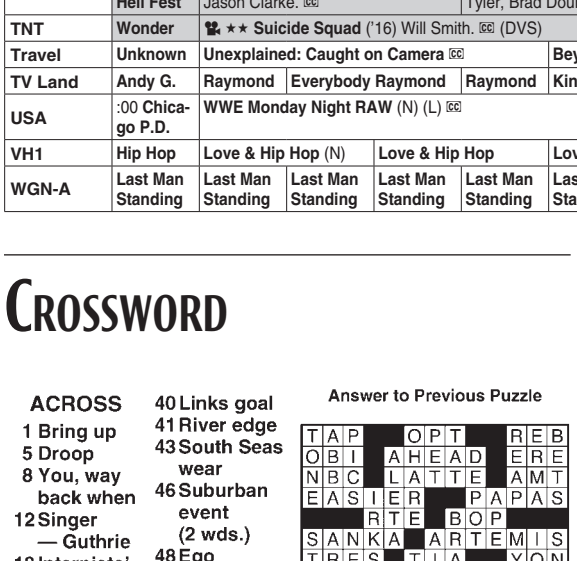

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Jumble

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DOPOR

DUYBD

CSUACE

SPIRCT

I can't shuffle this mess.
This deck is trashed.
Toss those. I found a new deck.
THE DECK USED BY THE POKER PLAYERS WAS OLD. THEY ALL AGREED IT SHOULD BE ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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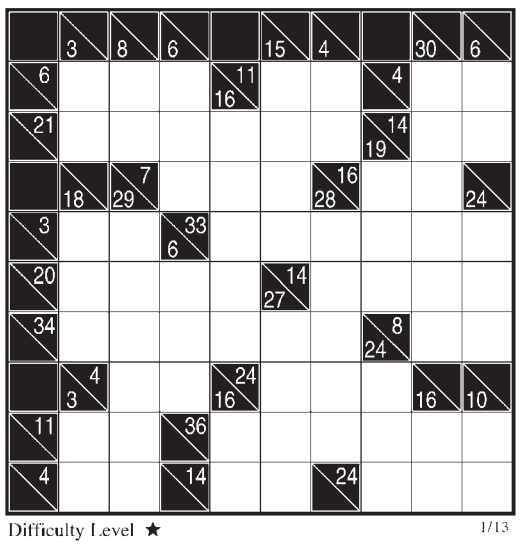
Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: FOGGY NANNY SLOWLY PETITE
Answer: The Brooklyn Bridge is one of the oldest of its kind, thanks to its — LONG LIFE SPAN

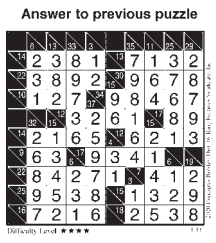
Kakuro



Difficulty Level ★ 1/13

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle



Bridge

Charles de Gaulle said, "We may go to the moon, but that's not very far. The greatest distance we have to cover still lies within us."

That is an interesting thought. We have a cover in bridge, which was relevant in this deal from an international tournament some years ago. How should South plan the play in three no-trump after West leads a fourth-highest diamond four to East's jack and his own queen? Once you have decided, look at the West hand. Would you have overcalled one diamond?

Declarer starts with seven top tricks: two diamonds and five clubs. A heart trick may be established, but South also needs a spade trick. However, if he misguesses spades, running the jack, East will return a diamond, establishing his partner's suit while West holds the spade ace as an entry.

At the first table, West made the pointless one-diamond overcall opposite a passed partner. So South immediately played a spade to dummy's king. When that won, he led a heart to his queen and had nine tricks.

At the other table, South didn't have that advantage. But at trick two, he led the spade jack. When West played low smoothly, declarer called for dummy's king and also won nine tricks.

South judged that if West had the spade queen, he would have covered the jack, especially with the 10 in the dummy – or at least would have thought about it. And if West didn't have the queen, perhaps he had the ace.

As Zia Mahmood said in a Bols bridge tip many years ago, if they don't cover, they don't have it.

North 01-13-20
♠ K 10 6 4
♥ K 6
♦ 9 7
♣ A Q 8 6 4

West
♠ A 8
♥ A 10 9
♦ K 6 5 4 2
♣ 10 7 2

East
♠ Q 7 5 2
♥ J 8 5 3 2
♦ J 8 3
♣ 9

South
♠ J 9 3
♥ Q 7 4
♦ A Q 10
♣ K J 5 3

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 4

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

6				2	1		3	
1					8	5		
		3	5	6	4		9	8
3				8		7		
8		1	4	7	6	9		3
		9		1				6
4	3		6	9	7	8		
		7	8					4
	6		1	4				9

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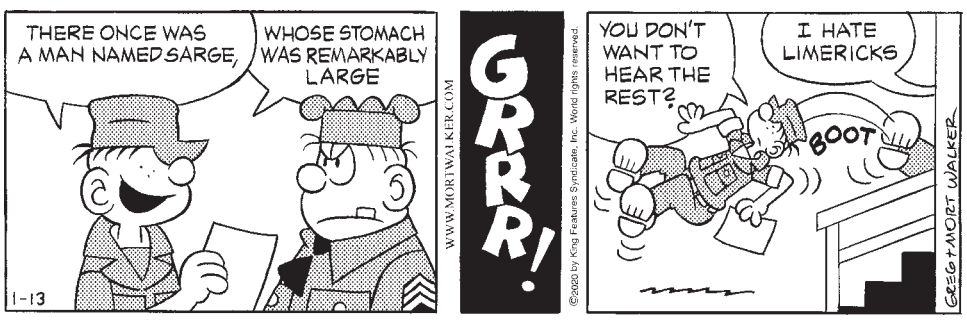
How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

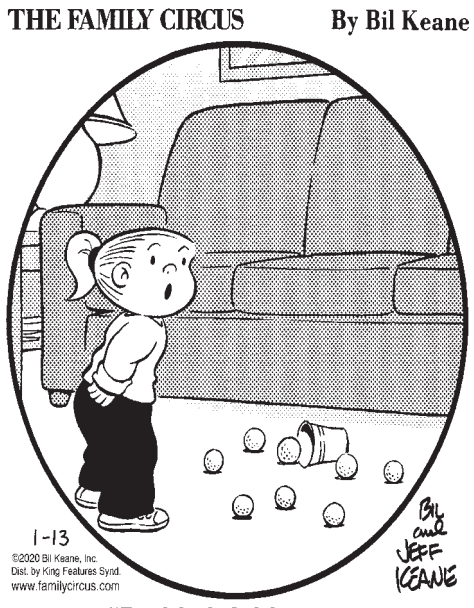
9	8	5	7	4	2	1	3	6
2	4	1	9	3	6	7	8	5
6	7	3	5	1	8	9	2	4
5	9	7	8	6	4	3	1	2
3	1	4	2	9	7	6	5	8
8	6	2	1	5	3	4	7	9
4	3	8	6	7	5	2	9	1
7	5	9	4	2	1	8	6	3
1	2	6	3	8	9	5	4	7

BEETLE BAILEY



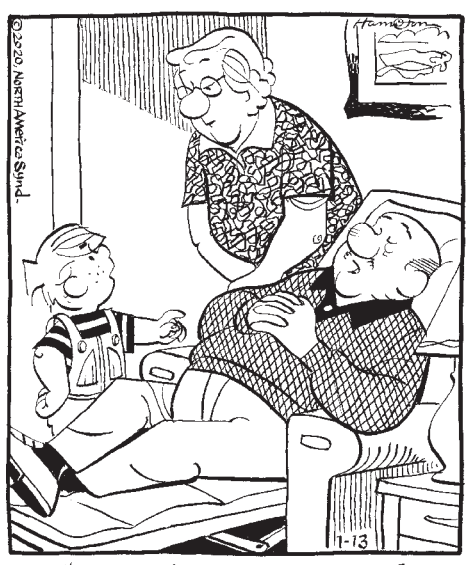
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



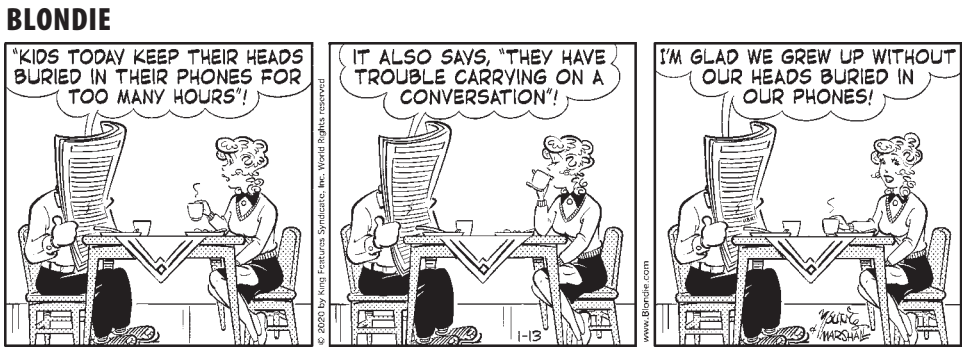
"Daddy left his toys on the floor again!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I THINK MR. WILSON IS GETTIN' TOO OLD FOR HIS AGE."

BLONDIE


"KIDS TODAY KEEP THEIR HEADS BURIED IN THEIR PHONES FOR TOO MANY HOURS"!
IT ALSO SAYS, "THEY HAVE TROUBLE CARRYING ON A CONVERSATION"!
I'M GLAD WE GREW UP WITHOUT OUR HEADS BURIED IN OUR PHONES!
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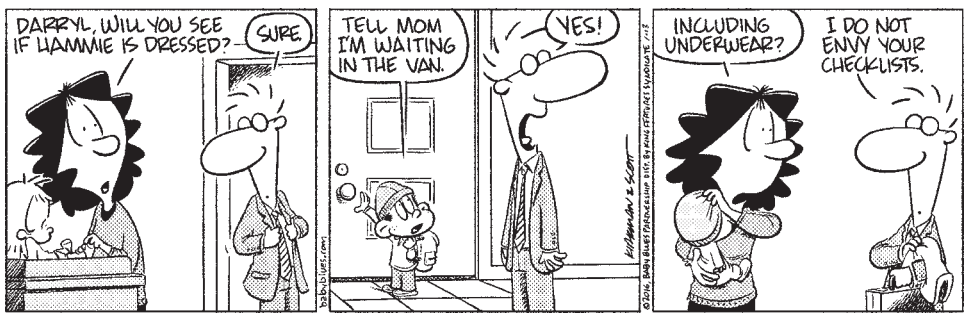
DEAN YOUNG MARSHALL

BABY BLUES


DARRYL, WILL YOU SEE IF HAMMIE IS DRESSED?
SURE.
TELL MOM I'M WAITING IN THE VAN.
YES!
INCLUDING UNDERWEAR?
I DO NOT ENVY YOUR CHECKLISTS.
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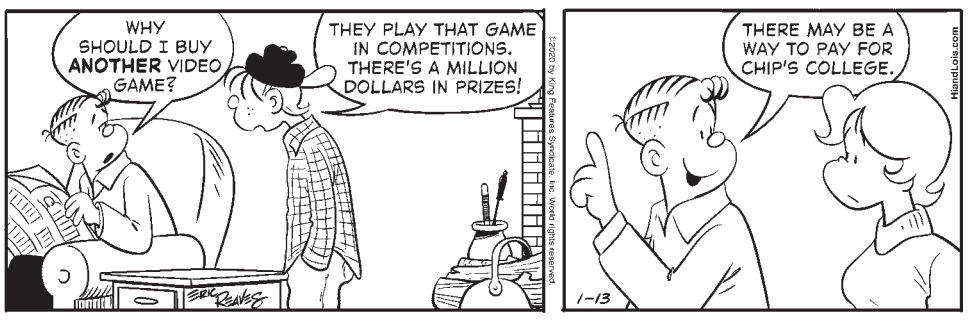
WHY SHOULD I BUY ANOTHER VIDEO GAME?
THEY PLAY THAT GAME IN COMPETITIONS. THERE'S A MILLION DOLLARS IN PRIZES!
ERIC REYNOLDS
THERE MAY BE A WAY TO PAY FOR CHIP'S COLLEGE.
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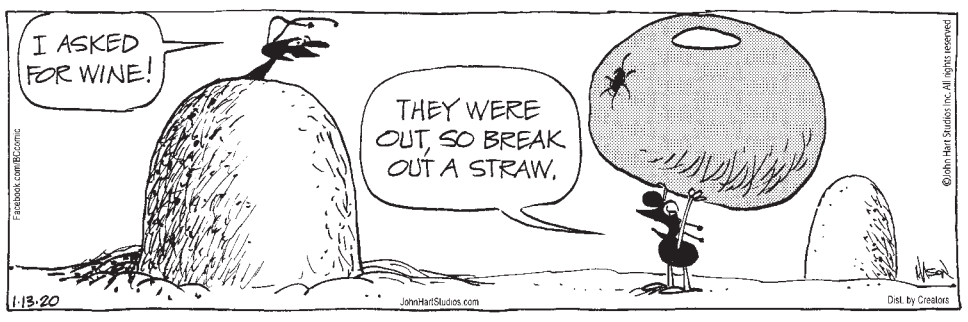
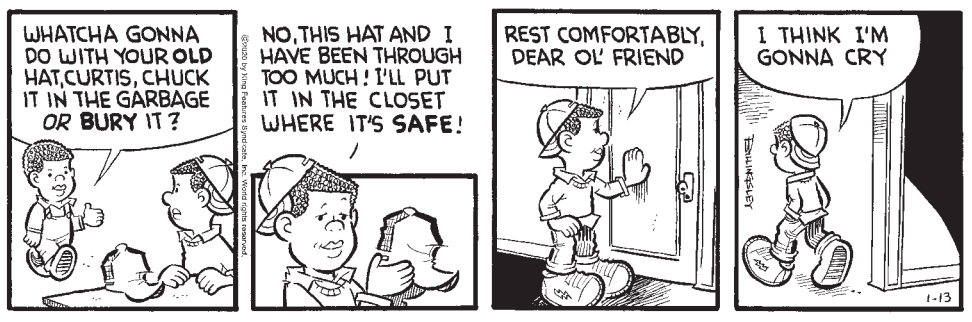


CURTIS


WHATCHA GONNA DO WITH YOUR OLD HAT, CURTIS, CHUCK IT IN THE GARBAGE OR BURY IT?
NO, THIS HAT AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH TOO MUCH! I'LL PUT IT IN THE CLOSET WHERE IT'S SAFE!
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REST COMFORTABLY, DEAR OL' FRIEND
I THINK I'M GONNA CRY
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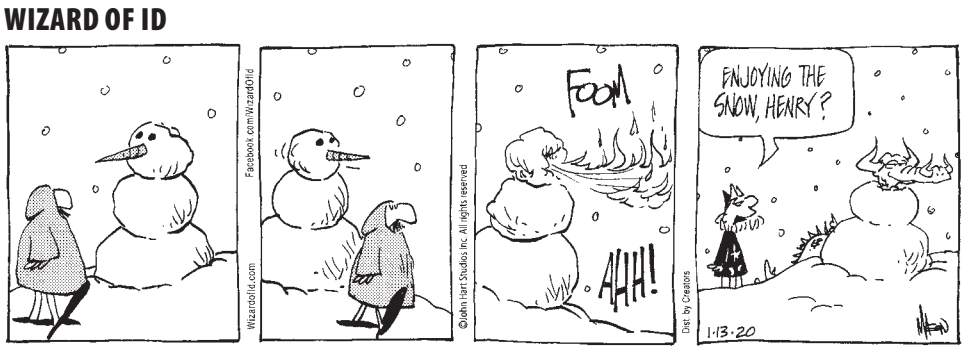
WIZARD OF ID



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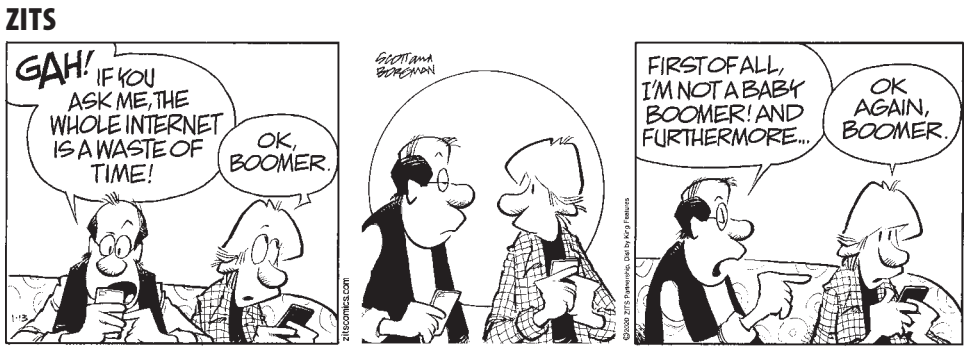
GAH! IF YOU ASK ME, THE WHOLE INTERNET IS A WASTE OF TIME!
OK, BOOMER.
SCOTT & BORGMAN
FIRST OF ALL, I'M NOT A BABY BOOMER! AND FURTHERMORE...
OK AGAIN, BOOMER.
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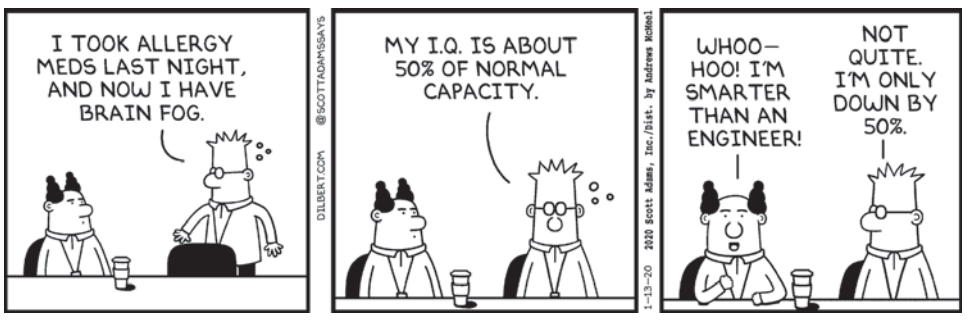
DILBERT


I TOOK ALLERGY MEDS LAST NIGHT, AND NOW I HAVE BRAIN FOG.
MY I.Q. IS ABOUT 50% OF NORMAL CAPACITY.
WHOO-HOO! I'M SMARTER THAN AN ENGINEER!
NOT QUITE. I'M ONLY DOWN BY 50%.
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF COMPLAINING BEHIND THE BOSS'S BACK?
I THINK THAT'S A BAD IDEA!
THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S AFRAID I'LL HEAR HIM!
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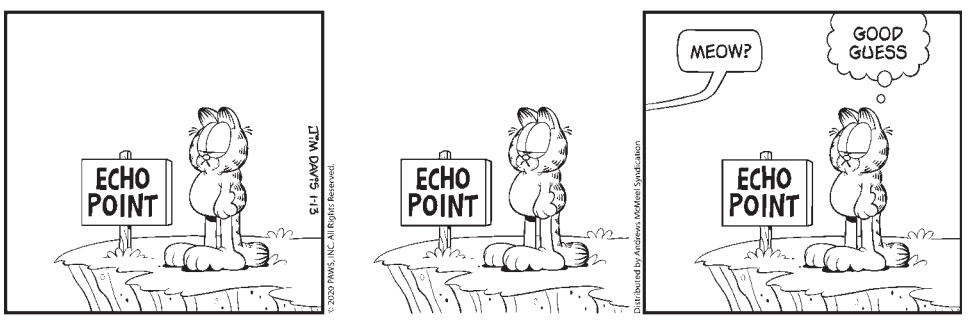

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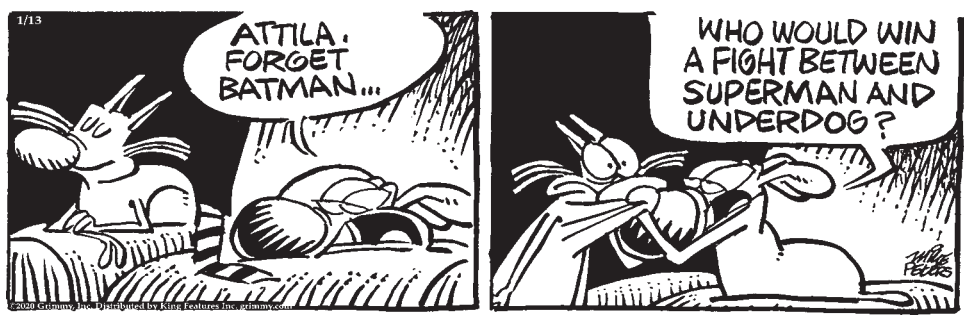
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ATTILA: FORGET BATMAN...
WHO WOULD WIN A FIGHT BETWEEN SUPERMAN AND UNDERDOG?
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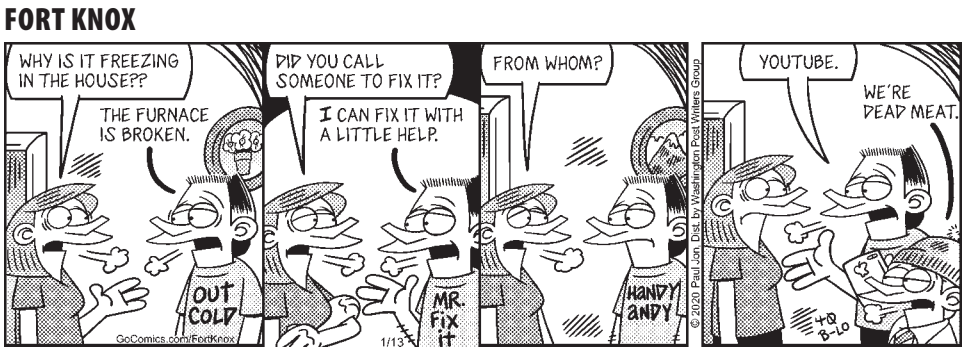

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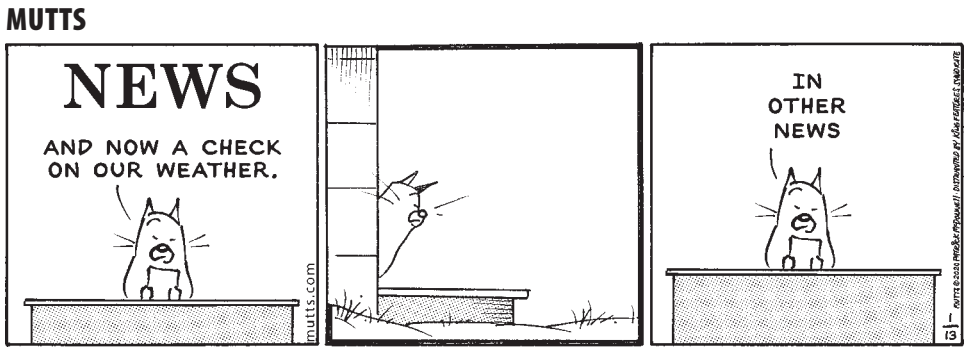

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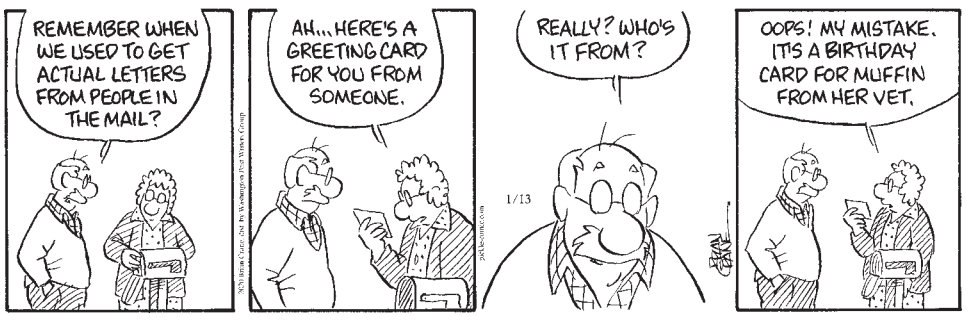
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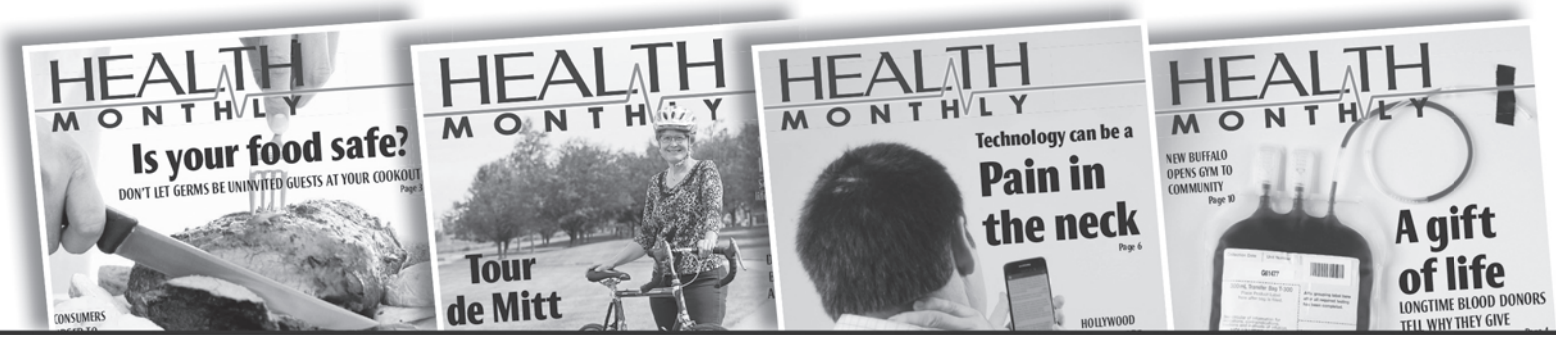
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Canadian officials accidentally push nuke alert to millions

By ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

Frank Gunn / The Canadian Press via AP

People walk backdropped by the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station in Pickering, Ontario on Sunday. The Ontario Power Generation said an alert warning Ontario residents of an unspecified "incident" at the nuclear plant early Sunday morning was sent in error.

TORONTO — People throughout the Canadian province of Ontario awoke Sunday to an alarming alert of an "incident" at a nuclear plant just east of Toronto – only to later be told the message was a mistake.

The initial early morning emergency message popped up on the screens of cellphones throughout the nation's most populous province, saying an unspecified incident had occurred at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. It added there had been no abnormal release of radioactivity and said people didn't need to take protective action.

More than an hour later, Ontario Power Generation later sent a message saying the alert "was sent in error. There is no danger to the public or environment. No further action is required." The notification message also was pushed onto to television screens.

"The alert was issued in error to the public during a routine training exercise being conducted by the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre," Ontario government Solicitor General Sylvia Jones said in a statement that apologized for the error.

She said the government "has begun a full investigation to determine how this error happened and will take the appropriate steps to ensure this doesn't happen again."

Jim Vlahos, a 44-year-old father of two in Toronto, woke up to the alert and quickly made a hotel reservation more than 60 miles away in Niagara Falls. He said he figured he'd go as far west as possible and then cross the border.

"Having watched 'Chernobyl' didn't help," he said, referring to the HBO show about the 1986 nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union. "The lack of communication following the alert didn't help either," he said.

"I have no problem leaving my phone on for these types of alerts, but I would expect some more info from the government so I wouldn't have to overreact the way I did."

Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan said he "was very troubled" by the alert.

"While I am relieved that there was no actual emergency, I am upset that an error such as this occurred. I have spoken to the Province, and am demanding that a full investigation take place," Ryan said by Twitter.

Toronto Mayor John Tory joined him, tweeting that "there are far too many unanswered questions" and noting it went out across the province of 14 million people.

Terry Flynn, who teaches crisis communications at McMaster University, said there's a danger that this type of error will erode public trust. "When we have continuous problems in these systems, then we have a lack of trust and people begin to ignore them. So that's the biggest fallout from this scenario," he said.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's inspector general recommended changes to emergency alert system in the United States after Hawaii officials in 2018 mistakenly warned the public about a nonexistent incoming ballistic missile. A Hawaii Emergency Management Agency employee sent the missile alert to cellphones and broadcasters, triggering panic until the agency sent another message 38 minutes later notifying people it was a false alarm.

Pickering, opened in 1971, and had been scheduled to be decommissioned this year, but the province's government committed to keeping it open until 2024. Decommissioning is now set to start in 2028.

It generates 14 percent of Ontario's electricity, and is responsible for 4,500 jobs across the region, according to Ontario Power.

It has experienced several earlier incidents. In 2011, a pump seal failure caused the spill of more than 19,200 gallons of demineralized water into Lake Ontario, though with no significant risks to public health, according to local authorities.

In 1994, the plant automatically shut down after a faulty valve caused 132 tons of heavy water to spill. It was the first time a Canadian nuclear reactor had to use the emergency core cooling system to prevent fuel overheating.

4 Iraqi servicemen wounded by rocket attack on air base

By QASSEM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Four members of Iraq's military were wounded Sunday in a rocket attack targeting an air base just north of Baghdad where American trainers are present, Iraqi security officials said.

The attack by at least six rockets came just days after Iran fired ballistic missiles at two bases in Iraq that house U.S. forces, causing no casualties.

Recent heightened tensions between the U.S. and Iran were sparked last month when a rocket attack killed an American contractor at a base in Iraq. The U.S. has blamed that attack and others on Iran-backed militias.

Sunday's attack wounded an Iraqi air force officer and three enlisted men, Iraqi security officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

The rockets struck Balad air base, which hosts American trainers, advisers and a company that provides maintenance services for F-16 aircraft. Some rockets fell on a restaurant inside the airbase, the officials said.

The base is located some 50 miles miles north of Baghdad.

A statement from the Iraqi army's official media office confirmed the attack but said eight rockets hit the base, and that two officers had been wounded. The difference in accounts could no immediately be reconciled.

"There are American experts, trainers and advisers at the base," said one defense official, who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media.

The U.S. and Iran recently stepped back from escalating tensions following the killing of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, Iran's top general, in a U.S. airstrike in Baghdad. A senior Iraqi leader of an Iran-backed militia was also killed.

Iran's retaliatory attack for Soleimani's death hit two Iraqi bases, Ain al-Asad and Irbil, where American troops are based.

The limited Iranian strikes appeared to be mainly a show of force, and deescalated tensions that had threatened to turn Iraq into a proxy battlefield.

2 U.S. troops killed by roadside bomb in Afghanistan

By RAHIM FAIEZ
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two U.S. service members were killed and two others injured when their vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan, the U.S. military said in a statement Saturday.

In keeping with defense department rules, the U.S. military did not identify the service members.

The Taliban immediately took responsibility for the attack. A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yusouf Ahmadi, said it occurred in the southern Kandahar province.

More than 2,400 U.S. service members have been killed in Afghanistan. Last year was the deadliest for U.S. service members since 2014, with 23 American troops killed, even as Washington engaged in peace talks with the Taliban.

The latest attack seemed certain to stall fresh efforts to restart the on-again, off-again peace talks between Washington and the Taliban.

U.S. peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad has been pressing the insurgents to declare a cease-fire or at least reduce violent attacks. That would give a window in which the U.S. and the Taliban could forge an agreement to withdraw all of America's troops. That agreement would also set out a road map for direct Afghan-to-Afghan talks, mapping out the country's post-war future.

The Taliban leadership decided at the end of December to support a temporary cease-fire to allow for a peace deal to be signed, but they never said when it would go into effect. The final approval required from their leader, Maulvi Hibatullah Akhundzada, was never announced.

Earlier Saturday, both NATO and Afghan officials had confirmed a roadside bomb hit a U.S. army vehicle, without mentioning casualties. In a short statement, a NATO spokesman said that officials were still "assessing the situation and will provide more information as it became available."

An Afghan official said the attack had taken place in the Dand district of Kandahar province. The official was not authorized to speak with media and requested anonymity.

The Taliban now control or hold sway over roughly half of Afghanistan. The militants continue to stage near-daily attacks targeting Afghan and U.S. forces, even as they hold peace talks with the U.S. Scores of Afghan civilians are also killed in the crossfire or by roadside bombs planted by militants.

In November, two U.S. service members were killed when their helicopter crashed in eastern Logar province. The U.S. military at the time said preliminary reports did not indicate it was caused by enemy fire, although the Taliban claimed to have shot down the helicopter – a claim the U.S military dismissed as false.

The U.S. currently has about 13,000 troops in Afghanistan. About 5,000 of them are doing counterterrorism missions. The remainder are part of a broader NATO mission to train, advise and assist the Afghan security forces.

U.S. Ambassador John Bass left Kabul last week, ending his two-year tenure as America's top diplomat.

Volcano erupts near Manila; villagers flee, airport shut

By AARON FAVILA and JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press

Aaron Favila / AP

Lightning strikes beside the ash cloud as Taal Volcano erupts on Sunday in Tagaytay, Cavite province, outside Manila, Philippines. A tiny volcano near the Philippine capital that draws many tourists for its picturesque setting in a lake belched steam, ash and rocks in a huge plume Sunday, prompting thousands of residents to flee and officials to temporarily suspend flights.

TAGAYTAY, Philippines — A small volcano near the Philippine capital that draws tourists for its picturesque setting in a lake erupted with a massive plume of ash and steam Sunday, prompting the evacuation of tens of thousands of people and forcing Manila's international airport to shut down.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said Taal Volcano in Batangas province south of Manila blasted steam, ash and pebbles up to 6 to 9 miles into the sky in a dramatic escalation of its growing restiveness, which began last year.

The volcanology institute raised the danger level around Taal three notches on Sunday to level 4, indicating "a hazardous eruption may happen within hours or days," said Renato Solidum, who heads the volcanology institute. Level 5, the highest, means a hazardous eruption is underway and could affect a larger area.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, but authorities scrambled to evacuate more than 6,000 villagers from an island in the middle of a lake, where the volcano lies, and tens of thousands more from nearby coastal towns, officials said. About 300,000 people were targeted to be moved to safety in Batangas overnight and in the next few days.

"We have asked people in high-risk areas, including the volcano island, to evacuate now ahead of a possible hazardous eruption," Solidum said.

Renelyn Bautista, a 38-year-old housewife who was among thousands of residents who fled from Batangas province's Laurel town, said she hitched a ride to safety from her home with her two children, including a 4-month-old baby, after Taal erupted and the ground shook mildly.

"We hurriedly evacuated when the air turned muddy because of the ashfall and it started to smell like gunpowder," Bautista said by phone.

Fallen ash covered the runways at Manila's international airport Sunday night. All departing and arriving international and domestic flights were suspended "due to volcanic ash in the vicinity of the airport" and nearby air routes, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines said.

Taal lies around 37 miles south of Manila.

Aviation officials also ordered the closure of Clark International Airport north of the capital after ash fell in the area. Authorities said they were considering diverting flights to unaffected airports outside Manila.

Norwegian Tonny Roger, who had flown to the Philippines to visit his wife, said he wasn't happy that his flight back to Norway was canceled, but he thought of the bright side.

"Well, I can see her more. I will go back to her now," he told The Associated Press at Manila's international airport.

The volcanology institute reminded the public that the small island where the volcano lies is a "permanent danger zone," although fishing villages have existed there for years. It asked nearby coastal communities "to take precautionary measures and be vigilant of possible lake water disturbances related to the ongoing unrest."

Heavy to light ashfall was reported in towns and cities several miles from the volcano, and officials advised residents to stay indoors and don masks and goggles for safety. Motorists were hampered by poor visibility, which was worsened by rainy weather.

Hotels, shopping malls and restaurants line an upland road along a ridge overlooking the lake and the volcano in Tagaytay city, a key tourism area that could be affected by a major eruption.

Authorities recorded a swarm of earthquakes, some of them felt with rumbling sounds, and a slight inflation of portions of the 1,020-foot volcano ahead of Sunday's steam-driven explosion, officials said.

Classes in a wide swath of towns and cities were suspended Monday, including in Manila, to avoid health risks posed by the ashfall.

One of the world's smallest volcanoes, Taal is among two dozen active volcanoes in the Philippines, which lies along the so-called Pacific "Ring of Fire," a seismically active region that is prone to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

About 20 typhoons and other major storms each year also lash the Philippines, which lies between the Pacific and the South China Sea, making it one of the world's most disaster-prone countries.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Concentrate on moneymaking opportunities. Consider what will bring the highest returns before you make a decision. Impulsive actions will not bear fruit. Biggest will not be best.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't fret over what someone else thinks or does. Start moving in a direction that feels comfortable and offers less stress. Personal improvements are in your best interest. Moderation is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Reach out to someone who can help you get ahead. Look at job prospects, set up an interview or focus on honing the skills required to head in a different direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Love and romance are on the rise, along with personal growth. Shift creative projects to the forefront. Physical improvement will bring the results you desire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your restlessness should be alleviated by getting involved in a challenging physical activity. Don't make unnecessary changes. Moderation is in your best interest when money is involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Say what's on your mind and find out where you stand. It's time to put a misconception someone has about you to rest. A partnership opportunity will change the way you do things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might have trouble seeing eye-to-eye with a partner. Arguing will not solve the problem, but compromise will. Offer common sense, not chaos.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not have your usual practical outlook today. Proceed with caution. You might want to reconsider your professional situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Details matter. Look at every aspect of an agreement before you sign on the dotted line. It's best to be precise regarding what's acceptable. Handle a personal change or matter with care.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep your emotions out of professional matters. Think about what's a good deal and what isn't, and take action based on facts and long-term results. Romance should be on your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be cautious about how you handle relationships. You are best off being honest, not vague, if someone is asking questions about your intentions or feelings.

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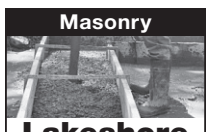

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